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## The team recommends...

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Editor in Chief



It's becoming common to need more than one number on a single device. On page 33 you'll find our review on *Swytch*, the all-in-one app for storing mobile numbers.

### OLIVER HILL

Editor



If it wasn't for the *GigAlert* app, I wouldn't have known that one of my favourite bands will be playing near me soon. We'll tell you more about it on page 28.

### JAMIE FRIER

Contributor



Your smartphone is capable of many things, including being used as a mobile office. Check out page 11 for the best workaholic apps.

### PHIL MORRIS

Contributor



The audio plays a massive part in some of the best mobile games, so head over to page 36 for our round up of the best gaming soundtracks.



### MINECRAFT: STORY MODE

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.1  
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £3.92/\$4.99 | v1.14



### SWYTCH

● iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium | v1.0.2  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v1.0.2



### ASSEMBLY - GRAPHIC DESIGN

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0



### GIGALERT

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.

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The new Apple TV is amazing. It's so good in fact, that we've trawled the App Store to get hands-on with the best apps you can enjoy on the big screen. It's also the time of year where many of us will have got a new smartphone, so make sure to check out our guide on the best apps to help you upgrade your mobile life over on page 18. The App Store has been awash with an array of new interactive kids books, so check out page 22 as we give our verdict on the titles you really need to investigate. The same can also be said about the amount of photo editing apps that have just launched, so if you're an avid photo lover, then you can't afford

to miss our retouching photos group test over on page 26. As ever, issue 65 is packed full of the latest and greatest apps to hit both iOS and Android platforms. Enjoy the issue!

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### OPERATING SYSTEM

Certain apps only work on specific operating systems; check your device meets the specifications here.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v4.5.2  
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v4.6.3

### FORMAT

Some apps are specific to iPhone or iPad, however if listed with a plus symbol, apps will work on both devices.

### VERSION

We always review the latest versions of apps when going to publication, but bear in mind issues we outline may be fixed in updated versions.

### PRICE

We list the most up-to-date price possible, but check before purchasing. Note that free apps may still require some in-app purchases.



# IN TOUCH

APPS ★ PEOPLE ★ GEAR



GET EXCITED ABOUT...

## THIRD-PARTY APPS USING IOS 9

APPS ARE TAPPING INTO MANY OF IOS 9'S BUILT-IN FEATURES

When iOS 9 was announced, users saw some very obvious changes. The app switcher was different, photo navigation was enhanced, *iCloud Drive* and *News* apps appeared and *Apple Pay* became a thing. But features such as those are only scratching the surface of iOS 9, for there are many more "hidden" functions that are set to be just as, if not more than, useful over the coming weeks and months.

Incorporated into a host of third-party apps are features which make life with an iPhone and iPad infinitely easier. For example, *Facebook* makes great use of a feature called Quick Action that is part of 3D Touch in the latest devices, so that by simply pressing down on the app's icon, you can write a status update or take and upload photos and videos.

Many other apps are using this including *WhatsApp*, *Skype*, *Snapchat* and *Shazam* and it's also a brilliant timesaver, cutting the need to open the app and navigate to the required function. In search-based apps such as *AroundMe*, a simple hold of the icon lets you find something in seconds. When combined with 3D Touch's Peek and Pop, things become more exciting. This feature is used to preview items without actually opening them and it works on two

levels: a light touch enables the peeking and a harder press "pops" into it. In *Dropbox*, for instance, you can quickly check a file before deciding to fully open it. *OpenTable* works well in peeking at locations and popping to the main page too.

But there are more features that also work on older devices. With iOS 9's Spotlight Search, third-party apps can be searchable from the homescreen and this is already being well used by the likes of *1Password*, *Green Kitchen* and *Pocket*. Games are also benefitting from iOS 9 enhancements: *ReplayKit* lets players record their gameplay. Check out *Duet Game* to see what we mean.

Indeed, the range of features range from the useful to the fun. Sick of ads? Then the support of iOS 9 ad-blockers in *1Blocker*, *Blockr* and *Crystal* will do the trick. Need split screen support on your newer iPad to enhance productivity? Try *Microsoft Office* for iPad. And want Picture in Picture for entertainment? *Hulu* is already supporting it. Using an iPad, iPhone or iPod touch has never been better.



IOS 9

• iPhone+ | iOS 9.0 | Free

**PRESS THE ICON**

The 3D Touch feature allows you to access a number of useful short cuts for third-party apps. All you need to do is press down on the icon to blur the screen and call up a menu.

**ACCESS FEATURES**

So, for example, with the *Facebook* app you can not only write a post by selecting the relevant option and going straight to the status update section, you can also upload a photo or a video with the minimum of fuss.

**SAVE TIME**

The menu serves as a time saver with app developers usually thinking hard about the functions that you are most likely to want to use without going through the hassle of opening the app and finding the right button to press.

**LINK TO FUNCTIONS**

With 3D Touch and a third-party app such as *Facebook*, you can even directly access your iDevice's camera in order to take photo and video which can then be inserted into a post, ready for comment or sending.

## MAKING USE OF IOS 9 FEATURES

**TWITTER**

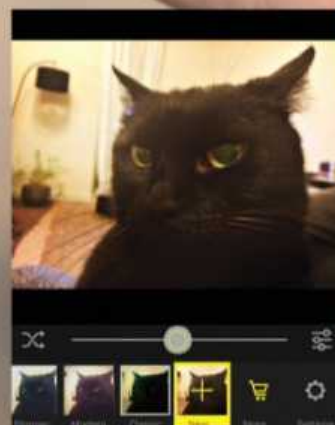
*Twitter* not only allows you to reply to mentions via the notification; it also supports split-screen multitasking and Universal Links which means that HTTP links will open in the native app while giving an option to open in the *Safari* app. Those with an iPhone 6s and 6s Plus will be able to use 3D Touch.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v6.39  
● Android | OS Varies | Free | Varies

**FLIPBOARD: YOUR SOCIAL NEWS MAGAZINE**

*Flipboard* lets you use Spotlight Search for anything that you follow, speeding up your ability to instantly locate something of interest. Spotlight will note if you are regularly searching for subscriptions and it will ensure that results better reflect that.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v3.3.9  
● Android | OS Varies | Free | Varies

**HIPSTAMATIC CAMERA**

Those who love this retro camera can now enjoy 3D Touch features that allow light touches to zoom into photos and harder touches to edit them. The app also allows the copying and pasting of photo effects by gesturing with an upward swipe when you're peeking at images. It's part of a full reimagining process that the app has gone through.

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free | v302

**EVERNOTE**

By pressing down on the *Evernote* icon, you can access the Quick Actions menu. There will be shortcuts that allow you to set a reminder, write a new note or take a picture. *Evernote* also allows for peeking at Notes, Links and Chats and it has Spotlight Search making for a very comprehensive utility.

● iPhone | iOS 8.1 | Free | v7.8.1  
● Android | OS Varies | Free | Varies



# ROCK OUT WITH GUITAR HERO LIVE

Developer Freestyle Games has been tuning a fresh audience into Guitar Hero on iOS. Designer Jim Norris explains the game's recent reinvention

## GUITAR HERO LIVE



*Guitar Hero Live* is a music rhythm game that allows you to strum along to a host of your favourite music hits.

● iPhone+ | TBC | TBC  
● Android | TBC | TBC



The *Guitar Hero* series may be 10-years-old but it has been absent since 2010. As such, its comeback is well-timed, with a debut on iOS and two playable modes:

one which lets you perform before live-action crowds and another which offers up official music videos. The game can be played with or without a guitar controller.

### Why did Activision decide to relaunch Guitar Hero. Why was it left for so long?

We've always said that we would bring *Guitar Hero* back when we figured out the right innovations to usher the franchise into the new generation of gaming. We believe that with *Guitar Hero Live* and *GHTV*, we're creating an unprecedented level of innovation that will redefine how players both interact with the music they love as well as discover new music they have never heard before.

### How difficult has it been to translate the Guitar Hero to iOS and how did you adapt the game to suit?

It was a fun challenge. The main difference between the mobile and the console versions is the fact that you have a fully navigable touch interface that needs to work on phones and tablets. Adapting and creating the best UI for these different formats was a challenge. Additionally we had to develop a system that would allow for players to switch between touch and guitar control rapidly and easily.

### Guitar Hero Live introduces a new six-button guitar but would you say the game needs the Bluetooth guitar controller?

Playing with a guitar is great, but sometimes a player might want a more portable solution. For the iOS game we wanted to give the players the flexibility of playing this new guitar, but also if they were out and about to give them the option to play without it. We have a specific team that marks up touch versions of all difficulties to give the player a great experience wherever they're playing.

### Why have the cartoon characters gone and real musicians been included?

We set out to bring new innovations to the game. Once we began looking at a first-person point of view for *Guitar Hero Live* it seemed like

a natural extension to film real bands, and real crowds that could react to how well - or how badly - you play. This immersion really helps the player feel like they're on stage, which is what the game is all about.

### There is also more modern music too - was this a conscious decision?

The musical landscape has changed a lot in the last five years. The inspiration behind *GH Live* is the vibe of playing a music festival. When you go to a music festival, you're not necessarily tied to one venue or band the entire time - you're hopping around to see various bands on stages big and small, with a diverse range of acts, so we wanted to reflect that in the set list. With *GHTV* we're able to deliver more songs to fans than ever before, and though there are plenty of classic rock tracks in the playlist, we also thought it was important to offer a mix of styles. *GHTV* is a great platform for music discovery that we can consistently grow, so we're looking forward to how fans respond to the tracks in the game. We'll also be delivering more tracks on a weekly basis. At launch we had 200 songs in *GHTV*, and we'll be introducing another 70 before Christmas.

### How important was the balance between producing a game and giving players the feeling that you are playing a real guitar?

*Guitar Hero* games need to be fun and need to make you feel like a rockstar, first and foremost. We didn't set out to create a simulator. But one of the benefits of the new six-button controller is that it introduced new chord shapes and configurations that do feel like you're holding a real guitar. This helps take the player closer to that rock star fantasy, so they feel even more like they're live on stage and rocking out to the crowd.

### Where do you envisage people playing Guitar Hero? And is it bringing a whole new slant to air guitar?

*Guitar Hero* games have always been great party games; there's something special about having your friends round, rocking out and having a laugh with this game. That said, the way content is consumed has changed radically since the first *Guitar Hero* game. We're excited that by bringing the game to mobile devices players can now choose where they rock out, whether at home, or on the bus.

## 05 OTHER MUSIC RHYTHM GAMES

### ROCKSTARS OF 000



One for the headphones, this game consists of mini-games that require well-timed taps.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.1  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.4  
● Android | OS 2.3.3  
| £1.56/\$1.99 | v1.0.2

### CYTUS



A beautiful music game with music from famous composers and a stunning art style.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v8.0.0  
● Android | OS 2.3  
| Freemium | v8.0.2

### RERAVE PLUS



A port of an arcade original, *ReRave Plus* has more than 100 songs for you to enjoy.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Freemium | v2.1.0  
● Android | OS 4.0  
| Freemium | v2.1.0

### RHYTHM CONTROL 2



This is a fantastic game with some slick chiptune music that offers multiple difficulty levels. Additional tracks are available as in-app purchases.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| Freemium | v1.2

### TONE SPHERE



By tapping circles as they expand, you can build combos and rock to a variety of beats.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.2.6  
● Android | OS 3.2  
| Freemium | v1.2.6



HOW TO...

# SERVE NEW YEAR COCKTAILS

## COUNT DOWN TO MIDNIGHT WITH A MAI TAI USING THESE APPS

Whether you want to see in 2016 with a few friends or have a slap-up shindig, you can spice things up with cocktails. Yet, with so many to choose from you might wonder whether you should serve Black and Tans, Boilermakers, Brass Monkeys or any of the thousands of other mixed beverages that bartenders around the world have created. With the right apps, however, you can easily combine the ingredients to get your New Years party hopping.



### 01 Party time

*Invitd* makes it easy to tell friends about your New Years Eve cocktail party. Register an account or login with Facebook, tap Create an Event and follow the on-screen instructions. The app also logs RSVPs so you'll know who's coming.



### 02 Open the bar

When deciding what cocktails to serve, it helps to know what ingredients you already have. Download *Cocktail Flow*, go to the My Lounge tab, tap Enter My Bar and select everything in your liquor cabinet from its huge list of beverages.



### 03 Mix up

As you select ingredients, *Cocktail Flow* shows you what you can make. Tapping on a result takes you to step-by-step mixing instructions. You can also find New Years party recommendations in Celebrations under the Selections tab.



### 04 Shake and stir

Tired of established recipes? Why not concoct a cocktail of your own? If your experiment goes down well, record it with the *Highball* app. Tap on the + sign at the bottom, select Create New Drink and fill out an attractive recipe card.



### 05 Share a glass

As the world celebrates, use *Highball* to share your recipe cards with other users of the app and distant friends and family on social media. Tap the haring icon in the bottom right corner, select Share and spread your New Year spirit.



### 06 Party's over

After the party you want guests to get back home safely. Driving is out of the question if alcohol was involved and you'll have a long wait for cabs in the early hours of 2016. *Uber* operates in bigger centres so get the app if couch space is limited.

## APPS USED

### INVITD

This attractive app makes sending out eye-catching invitations as easy as A, B, C and it will track who has responded.

● iPhone | iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium

★★★★★

### COCKTAIL FLOW

This is one of the sweeter cocktail mixing apps in the app stores because of its content and beautiful, clear interface.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Android | Varies | Freemium

★★★★★

### HIGHBALL

This app makes it fun to record and share your own personal cocktail recipes and methods thanks to a design that is well-organised and artistic.

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Freemium

★★★★★

### FINAL THOUGHT

There are plenty of cocktail recipe apps but few go into the finer points of mixing, such as why certain flavours go well together or which way up to hold the shaker. They do reveal the ingredients of a good cocktail, though, so you won't have to be a master mixologist to make merry at your New Years bash.

COMPETITION

# WIN! APPLE TV GAMING CONTROLLER

## GET A TRUE CONSOLE GAMING EXPERIENCE ON YOUR ALL-NEW APPLE TV

We've absolutely loved our time with the Apple TV, so much so that you'll find our guide to the best Apple TV apps in this very issue (page 14). But for those of you who are looking at the Apple TV as a viable replacement to their primary games console, the small and slender Siri Remote just doesn't cut it as an authentic gaming controller.

Our friends over at Steelseries have long been at the forefront of developing controllers specifically tailored for mobile devices, so no matter if you're an iOS, Android, or even Windows Phone user, there's a controller made for you - and at a decent price we hasten to add. The Stratus XL is their latest to hit the market, and includes all the design patterns and features you'd normally find in any gaming peripheral.



The Stratus XL includes dual-joysticks, a full D-Pad and accompanying grips to help you avoid those dreaded sweaty palms. It's also incredibly lightweight, meaning those jarring wrists that you could find after a gruelling *Fallout 4* session will be a thing of the past. Best of all, it works flawlessly when partnered with your Apple TV and offers full compatibility with most indie and AAA ports.

We can't stress enough just how fantastic this controller is, so if you've got the gaming bug, make sure to enter our competition. For your chance to win a Steelseries Stratus XL controller built for both your iOS device and Apple TV, check out the question below and send your answer and a delivery address to the included email address.

**Q** WHAT GAME DID WE REVIEW ON PAGE 37 OF THIS ISSUE?  
**A:** Minecraft: Story Mode **B.** Subterfuge **C.** Cloud Chasers

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## MY HOME SCREEN

## THE WORKAHOLIC

KEEP YOUR PRODUCTIVITY LEVELS AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE WITH THESE APPS

Let's face it, how many of us really switch off from our work when we're away from the office? With constant emails, calendars and cloud storage apps at your disposal, it's easier than ever to take your work home with you - even if you just want a break! By equipping your device with the right apps, it's a simple task to stay at your peak productive levels 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For those workaholics out there, here are the 10 apps you can't afford to forget.



## TIPBIT

ALTERNATIVE TO: MAIL

To boost productivity this app puts email, contacts and social networking connections together. With it you can follow your Exchange account, Facebook friends, LinkedIn network and Twitter feed without tapping the Home button.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



## LASTPASS

ALTERNATIVE TO: REMINDERS

Nothing disrupts workflow and reduces productivity like a forgotten password. LastPass stores all of your secret keys under one master password. As long as you remember that, you'll never lose time to a lost login again.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● Android | Varies | Freemium



## OFFICE LENS

ALTERNATIVE TO: CAMERA

This Microsoft scanning app will straighten up a photographed document even if the edges weren't lined up parallel to the camera window. Also, it can extract clear text and open it in Word if you have that app on your device. If you don't, it's probably worth downloading it.

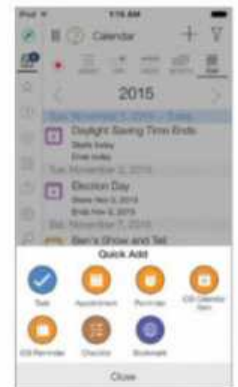
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

## PARALLELS ACCESS

ALTERNATIVE TO: FIND MY IPHONE

With this app you'll know your remote Mac or Windows computer is safe and be able to access files and use the software programs installed on it. There is a subscription fee but that gives you unparalleled control.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Android | 4.0.3 | Freemium



## LIGHTARROW MY.AGENDA

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALENDAR

Along with having a multi-view calendar, this tool includes to-do lists, reminders and the ability to bookmark URLs. With in-app purchases you can do more, such as track finances, save travel information and add notes.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

## EVERNOTE

ALTERNATIVE TO: NOTES

Since its initial release, this app has come highly recommended by many people in business. Even with a free plan you can grab web clips, create, share and collaborate on notes or lists and sync content between multiple devices with absolute ease.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium  
● Android | Varies | Freemium

## ASANA

ALTERNATIVE TO: MESSAGES

Why go into an office if you can get more done from the comfort of your own home? With this handy collaboration tool you can create tasks, add colleagues from your Contacts and then exchange ideas and updates online. The app is also free for teams of up to 15 people.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Android | 4.0 | Free

## TIMWERKS LITE

ALTERNATIVE TO: CLOCK

Keeping track of billable time you've put in on multiple projects is quick and easy with Timewerks Lite. The app also has a basic built-in invoicing function so you can spend more time doing work on your projects and less time ensuring that you actually get paid for it.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

## FUZE FOR IPHONE

ALTERNATIVE TO: FACETIME

Being at home or in a hotel needn't stop you attending meetings. This service offers online videoconferencing between three people for free or more for a monthly fee. You can also share content on-screen or in the cloud.

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free

## ADDAPPT

ALTERNATIVE TO: CONTACTS

Admin tasks, such as updating your Contacts, can eat up a lot of time you could spend doing some productive work. If your colleagues also have addappt, changes they make to their details are sent to your device automatically, so you don't need to spend time updating.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free

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## GEAR ROUNDUP

### ADIDAS VINTAGE MOULDED CASE

Sports fashion giant Adidas has long made very attractive iPhone covers, and its vintage moulded case for the iPhone 6s is no different. The back is draped in the iconic Gazelle shoe outsole structure for extra grip (it's not the nicest to touch if we're honest) but it does look the part. The hard case does a good job at protecting your iPhone from bumps and scratches, and it is beautifully crafted to ensure you have speedy access to all buttons and ports. A microfiber lining looks after the inside without alarm.

★★★★★

£26/\$39.99 | Adidas | [www.adidas.co.uk](http://www.adidas.co.uk)

### MANFROTTO PIXI MINI

Smartphone photography has boomed in the last few years, easily outselling digital compact cameras.

Given the quality of the cameras on all types of phones, everyone has a claim to being an amateur photographer. If you're looking to improve your shots, investing in a sturdy tripod would be wise. This mini tripod from Manfrotto boasts a universal smartphone clamp compatible with virtually any smartphone on the market. It's rugged enough to survive any climate and flexible enough to take a wide range of images.

★★★★★

£34.95/\$49.99 | Manfrotto | [www.manfrotto.co.uk](http://www.manfrotto.co.uk)



**Apps**  
★★★★★  
FIVESTAR  
AWARD

### URBANISTA BOSTON BLUETOOTH HEADPHONES

Aimed solely at the sports audio market, Urbanista's Boston headphones manage to pair great functionality with great sound - a rare feat for any Bluetooth buds. Connection via Bluetooth 4.0 is seamless, and a full charge will last 3.5 hours with charging available via an attached micro USB cable. The ergonomic design means they fit perfectly and the sound output is exquisite. They don't keep outside noise at bay and the bass is a little overpowering, but the Boston in-ears match anything on the market today.

★★★★★

£59.99/\$79.99 | Urbanista | [www.urbanista.com](http://www.urbanista.com)

### DXO ONE

**Apps**  
★★★★★  
FIVESTAR  
AWARD

Continuing the smartphone photography theme, the DxO One turns your iPhone into the world's most powerful pocket camera. Connecting through your iPhone lightning port, the DxO One is a 20.2 megapixel camera with a 1-inch sensor and max aperture of f/1.8. With the free app you can change capture modes, modify controls with a touch and share your photos from the iOS interface. The DxO even has its own memory card and battery so it's never putting pressure on your iPhone. A revolutionary idea that produces memorable results.

★★★★★

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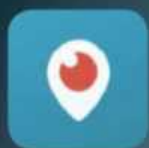
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# APPLE TV BEST APPS

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BRAND-NEW TVOS APPS





# NETFLIX



We couldn't compile a list of brilliant apps for Apple TV without leading with *Netflix*. The TV and film streaming juggernaut will be available on tvOS from the off, giving subscribers access to thousands of hours of high-quality entertainment. *Netflix* is the home of *Breaking Bad*, *24* and *Homeland* boxsets, but also its own original drama series *House Of Cards* and *Narcos*. *Netflix*'s mobile interface has always been a bit hit and miss, but its scrolling thumbnail view makes a lot more sense now. *Netflix*'s brilliant recommendation service carries over to your Apple

TV account, learning more and more about you the more you watch. The app allows you to have five individual user profiles attached to a single account – perfect for the whole family. There's also a safe watching experience just for kids. You won't be pestered by adverts and there are no hidden fees lurking to lull you in. There's even a free 30-day trial to tempt you if haven't signed up to the £5.99/\$7.99 monthly subscription. An Apple TV essential if we've ever seen one.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**



“There's even a free 30 day trial”

# CARROT WEATHER



Never be caught short in bad weather ever again with the help of the Carrot Weather app for Apple TV. Users are able to see the current temperature in their local area, the chances of rain and a general UV index. For those who like to know to more about the weather around them, there's a fantastic robotic weather forecaster that's able to give you a five day forecast in a matter of minutes, it's a lot of fun!

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 9.0** | **£2.99/\$3.99**

*Carrot Weather* lets you keep an eye on the weather in your local area



## BEST APPS FOR APPLE TV

# A NEW GAMES CONSOLE?

## SING! KARAOKE



Download *Sing! Karaoke* and your new Apple TV will instantly be turned into a laughter-inducing karaoke machine. There's more than 100,000 songs to choose from, so your alcohol-inspired favourite is bound to be there. Just to add to the fun, *Sing!* turns your phone into a microphone. It's a free app, but there are plenty of in-app purchases to be aware of – or enjoy.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **iOS 4.0.3** | **Free**

## RAYMAN ADVENTURES



A character that needs no introducing, Rayman is the fearless adventurer who together with his Viking companion Barbara, sets out in search of the Incrediballs' eggs in order to breathe new life into the sacred tree. *Rayman* makes perfect use of the brilliant Siri Remote, enabling you to control Rayman's jumps, punches and interactions. This is one adventure worth putting some time in.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**

## JETPACK JOYRIDE



Any *Back To The Future* fans will love having the chance to see the DeLorean fly and dodge obstacles in this devilishly simple and fast-paced game from the developers behind the super-popular *Fruit Ninja*. Don't expect next-generation console graphics, however, but do expect a lot of reflex-testing fun on your smartphone.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

## BEAT SPORTS



This is a completely new game, built entirely out of paper, card, screen in mind and taking heavy influences from the Wii Sports genre. It's certainly fun for all the family, combining music rhythm gaming and sports action. The game makes full use of the Siri Remote's motion and touch capabilities, while you can download an accompanying iOS app to pair another three devices for multiplayer fun.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free**

## LUMINO CITY



One of the breakthrough iOS games of 2015, *Lumino City* is a stunning puzzle adventure that's made entirely out of paper, card, miniature lights and motors. As you'd expect, it translates beautifully to the big screen, making exploring the city in the search for Lumi's grandfather a truly remarkable experience. This should without fail be one of your first App Store downloads.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 9.0** | **£3.99/\$4.99**

## CATCH UP TV

## BBC iPLAYER

This is a bit of a cheeky entry considering the BBC has only just started developing an Apple TV app for its much-vaunted catch-up channel. You'll certainly want to add *BBC iPlayer* to your arsenal of apps, given how much content you get free access to. You'll be able to watch programmes for up to 30 days before they disappear. Let's hope the Beeb have got things sorted by Christmas!

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

## WatchESPN

This one requires a subscription, but in return provides access to 24/7 live streaming from all of ESPN's massive collection of channels, including ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN3. The app uses a thumbnail interface that shows live scheduling and a very handy Trending section. This is an essential app for any American sports fan.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free

## HBO NOW

HBO is synonymous with high-class entertainment, so it was no surprise to us to see the channel as one of Apple TV's original content providers. It's another app that you need a subscription to use, but you are treated to a massive collection of TV and film, including the entire back catalogue of *Game Of Thrones* and *True Detective*.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free

## HULU

Hulu is a genuine *Netflix* competitor if you reside in the United States. You need a monthly Hulu Plus subscription (there is a free trial), but *Hulu* does have a huge catalogue of popular TV shows from major US television networks, as well as movies, including a part of the Criterion Collection. Download to your Apple TV and search for your favourites with Siri.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free

## QVC

QVC's Apple TV app is completely unique in that it mixes real live TV with a simple click-to-purchase option with your new Siri Remote. You might not want to buy anything (however you're in desperate need of that Hoover) but it's an interesting concept that we're sure we'll see much more of. Note that the app doesn't allow you to rewind with the Remote, something you can do in other apps.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free

“Instantly buy items in the official QVC app”

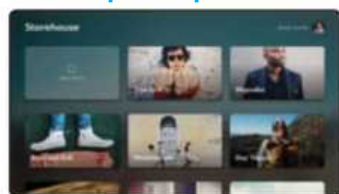
## STOREHOUSE



*Storehouse* is one of our favourite iOS apps, so we were incredibly

excited to see how the app translated to the big screen. Creating memorable stories from your pictures and videos makes a lot of sense with Apple TV. You use the extra screen space to really appreciate how beautiful your stories are. Let's hope the people that follow your profile have an Apple TV too.

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free



## FIND A NEW HOME

Looking for a new home to rent or buy? *Zillow* uses your current location to show you an interactive list of available real estate in your area.



ZILLOW

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



## AIRBNB



*Airbnb* is an app that stunned us with how beautiful the user interface is. It's another app that has slightly limited capabilities in comparison to its smaller iOS brothers, but you genuinely don't mind when it looks and works this well. You start by searching *Airbnb*'s listing for a place to stay (with Siri, of course) and you're treated to a list of options. You can delve deeper into each listing with a simple touch of your remote, but you can only (at this stage) add to your wish list rather than book

somewhere up. You'll need to transfer to your iOS account or head to a desktop browser to complete the purchase. Get past that and you get a really communal experience that shows large, beautiful photos of your once-in-a-lifetime destination. After all, who wants to book a holiday and only see tiny thumbnail images of their home for the week. Of course, no one does. The opportunity to view images from the world's most interesting places on a 32, 39 or even 50-inch TV screen is a whole new experience but one that we'll be using time and time again.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free



## CROSSY ROAD

Another highly addictive iOS game looking to make its way on Apple TV, *Crossy Road* was one of the apps that was demonstrated as part of Apple's official unveiling. High praise in itself. *Crossy Road* on Apple TV comes with a new multiplayer mode, which as long as you're both on the same Wi-Fi network, lets you hop and squawk across dangerously busy roads. You can even turn on each other and play dirty.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

● Android | OS 2.3 | Free



## YUMMLY



Finding the perfect recipe for dinner now has a whole new medium. Download

*Yummly* and you get every recipe you could possibly think of on your big screen. It's a beautiful looking app that's bound to get the juices flowing. Select an image, scroll down on your remote control and you are presented with a full list of ingredients, as well as all the nutritional information you need.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free

## YOUTUBE



One of the first apps you'll need to download will almost certainly be *YouTube*. The video sharing giant has been quick to build its own Apple TV app, offering users free access to everything you could find on *YouTube's* normal desktop service – both the good and bad. The interface is a bit basic at present, so maybe there's a fancy update about to drop soon.



Choose from millions of uploaded videos on the YouTube app

## THE BEST OF THE REST

### MANTICORE RISING



It's widely known by all app enthusiasts that gaming is going to be a huge part of Apple TV's lineup. When you take into consideration the number of high-quality Bluetooth gaming controllers that you'll be able to pair with the little set-top box, games like *Manticore Rising* now take on a whole new level. Embark on an epic battle for the universe in this popular space shooter series.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.0 | Free

### HOZZ



Moving house or renovating your current home? You'll need *Houzz* to point you in the right direction in terms of interior design. Users create 'lookbooks' to save home decor ideas and search for local contractors. At the moment you can't actually buy anything in the app (you can in the iOS version), only save them to a virtual wish list.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

### ZOVA



*Zova* is a fitness app that has huge potential on the new tvOS platform. With a fantastic and huge library of over 400 workouts designed by expert trainers, you'll be guided through a variety of styles including circuit, strength, cardio high intensity and even yoga. *Zova* works effortlessly on the big screen – and it's a darn sight better than your typical celebrity workout DVD.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free

### GILT



*Gilt* works in a similar vein to the *QVC* app but without the live TV angle. The main 'selling points' are the Buy Now buttons that appear on the carousel views and on the individual product pages. You move between category and item menus seamlessly by scrolling and swiping on the Siri remote's brilliant glass touch surface. Just don't think *Gilt* is a game!

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

### TRANSISTOR



Another game that features on Apple's official website in showcasing everything that's good about gaming on your Apple TV. *Transistor* makes the most of the Siri remote, letting you fight your way through a futuristic city in this sci-fi action game. Games like this make us believe that Apple TV can be a genuine contender when you consider buying a console.

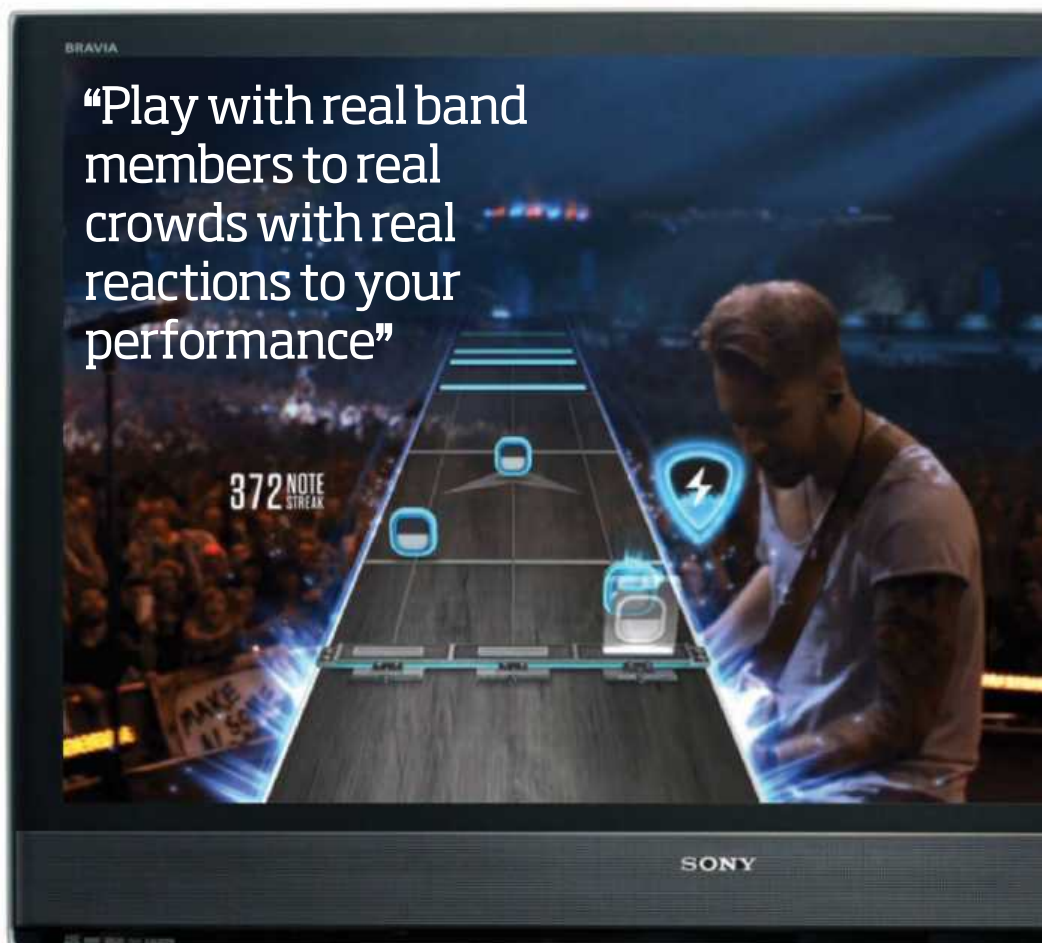
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

## GUJAR HERO LIVE



The sheer amount of apps available for Apple TV from launch proves that many developers see a really bright future for the tvOS platform. In the opening week of the Apple TV's App Store, games were easily the biggest seller. And with apps like *Guitar Hero Live* available, it's easy to see why. This is your chance to be a rock star on the big stage, rocking out to reactive live-action crowds. You play with real band members playing to real crowds with real reactions to your performance. Hit some bum notes and you'll have the paying crowd chucking bottles at you. Flush that winning streak and the crowd will go crazy for you and your band mates. *Guitar Hero* comes as a free download, but there are a handful of in-app purchases, including a whopping \$49.99 full digital unlock that gives you access to over 200 songs and the *GHTV* channel. You'll probably get so good at playing guitar that you'll be out on the streets busking to earn some spare change to buy the in-app purchases. Happy strumming.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Free



UPGRADE YOUR MOBILE LIFE

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THE BEST 'SUPER APPS'  
TO GET MORE DONE, BOOST PRODUCTIVITY  
AND LIVE BETTER



# INBOX BY GMAIL



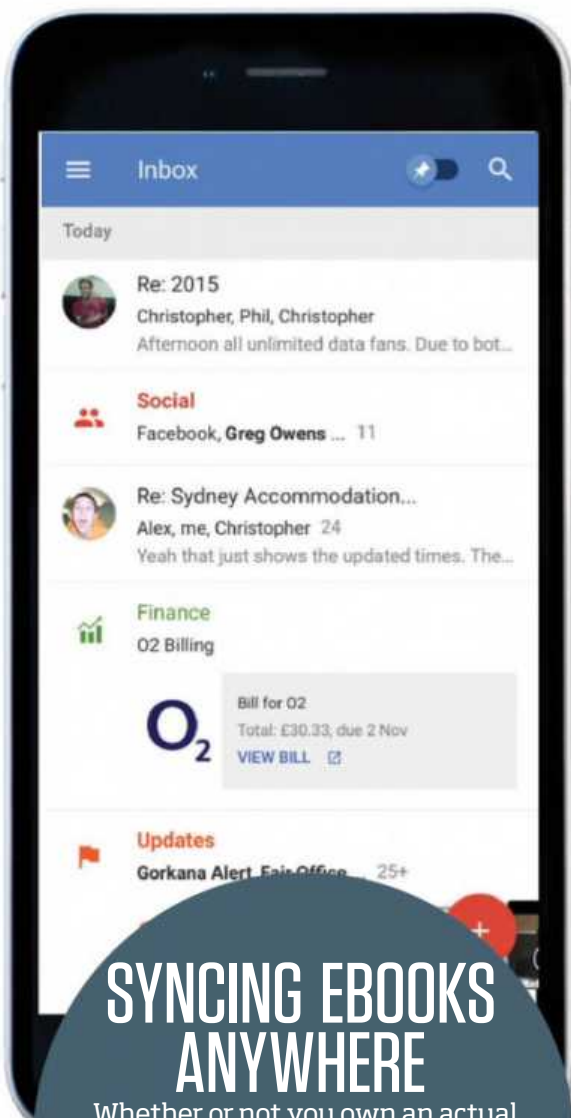
As flawed as it is, email remains at the centre of most of our lives: work, personal and everything in between. Considering Google's experience with email clients, it's worth checking out its *Inbox* app (Android, iOS and the web) which represents what the email apps of the future could all end up looking like.

As well as simple gestures to help you get on top of your email, the app also lets you snooze messages until later and even until you arrive at a particular place. Powering to inbox zero has never been easier, especially on a mobile device.

What's more, *Inbox* tries to sift through your email automatically whenever possible: low priority messages are grouped together and can be ignored until you're ready to see them, while emails relating to trips and your finances are all bundled together as well. As with *Gmail*, information about Amazon packages and hotel bookings is automatically parsed and brought to your attention when you need it. If you're looking for as much help as possible with your overflowing inbox, this is where to turn.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium

**"Inbox by Gmail tries to sift through your email automatically whenever possible"**



## SYNCING EBOOKS ANYWHERE

Whether or not you own an actual physical Kindle, the app can sync your reading progress to any Android or iOS device so you can continue.



### KINDLE

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Android | OS Varies | Free

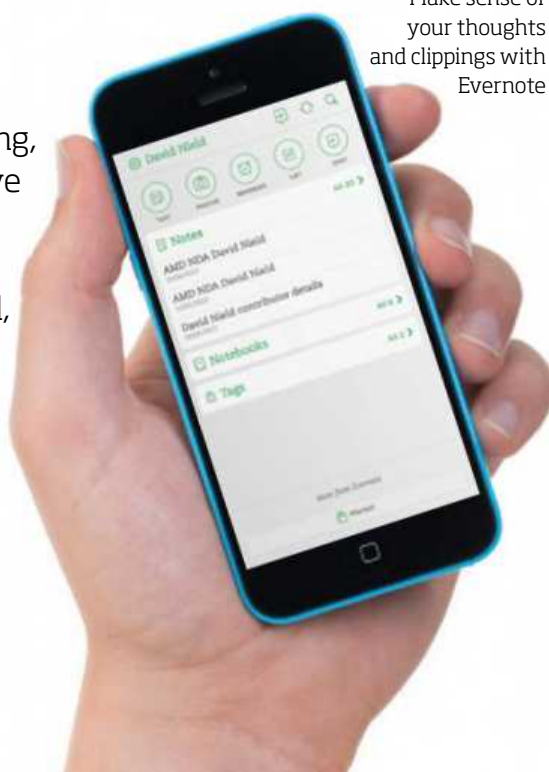
# EVERNOTE



Just about the best app out there in terms of note-taking, *Evernote* is flexible, intuitive

and reliable, and it makes cross-platform syncing easy: access your notes from devices running Android, iOS, Windows, Mac OS X and more, and you get a few extra goodies if you sign up for a premium account. Notes can be based around text, photos, reminders, chats and lists, and tagged as required.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free



Make sense of your thoughts and clippings with Evernote

## UPGRADE YOUR MOBILE LIFE

# FACEBOOK'S SOCIAL EMPIRE

## FACEBOOK



Facebook owns more social media apps than you might realise, essential for staying in touch with friends and relatives, and first up is... *Facebook*. Plan events, post photos of your holidays, see what the rest of the neighbourhood is up to, join in on the latest meme bandwagon and more: now 1.5 billion users strong, *Facebook's* social networking dominance continues.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

## FACEBOOK MESSENGER



If you'd rather have the one-to-one (or one-to-many) intimacy of *Facebook's* instant messenger tool, it's been spun out as a separate app - share photos, stickers, videos and more from inside the app (you can even make audio and video calls). It's one of the most comprehensive messaging apps out there, and of course you can reach just about everyone through *Facebook*.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

## FACEBOOK GROUPS



For those of you who go to *Facebook* mainly for the groups, there's another standalone app to make use of. *Facebook Groups* brings your communities and clubs front and centre, so you can quickly dive into discussions and debate without the distractions of the News Feed or Messenger. It's also possible to create groups from inside the app, should you need to set up a new one.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

## INSTAGRAM



Mark Zuckerberg's decision to buy *Instagram* is looking increasingly smart. With 400 million users to its name, the app that started off focusing on photo filters has now branched out into video and instant messaging as too. It still does its main job as well as ever though: making sure your mobile snaps always look their best, no matter how limited your smartphone photography skills may be.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

## WHATSAPP



On the surface, *WhatsApp* doesn't look all that different to the dozens of other instant messengers available for mobile devices; however, it's fast, it's packed with features, and it does just about everything you need it to in a couple of taps. You can make audio and video calls through the app, share locations, send voice messages, transfer files and more besides.

● iPhone | iOS 6.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free

# GET MORE EFFICIENT

## APPLE MAPS

Much criticised when it first appeared in 2012, *Apple Maps* actually isn't that bad any more: it even managed to add public transit directions for a handful of cities in the last update. Of course you can only get it if you're using an Apple device, but it's worth trying out – the 3D views are especially impressive, though again they're only available in the major cities.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free

## GOOGLE MAPS

Probably still the best mapping app overall, *Google Maps* has been going since February 2005 and has been improving ever since. Turn-by-turn directions, Street View, information like opening hours and even the busiest times for local businesses... there's a lot to explore. It can even plug into your *Gmail* account to show details of hotel bookings, upcoming flights and more.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

● Android | Varies | Free

## HERE MAPS

Originally developed by Nokia, *Here Maps* isn't as well-known as *Apple Maps* or *Google Maps* but it's still a great option – the integrated offline mode (for touring around without a data connection) and the collections feature (for organising your favourite places) are the most impressive features, but the app interface and functions are slick and intuitive throughout.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

● Android | OS 4.1 | Free

## WAZE

Now owned by Google, *Waze* is a sat nav app with an emphasis on community involvement. That means data from other users is fed back into the app to let you know about traffic slowdowns, roadworks and so on – you can also report anything from a traffic accident to a police camera yourself, for the benefit of other Wazers. The cute, cartoonish interface is well done too.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

● Android | OS Varies | Free

## TOMTOM NAVIGATION

Why buy a sat nav app when there are so many free ones? Well, if you do a lot of driving then the *TomTom* apps offer some advanced premium tools, like detailed lane directions, live traffic updates and a superior offline mode for roaming around without signal (when you're abroad, for example). Worth the price if you're regularly on the road and need something dependable.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £52.99/\$69.99

● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Freemium

## FLICKR



It doesn't get the same amount of attention as the native photo apps

from Apple and Google, but the Yahoo-owned *Flickr* still has a lot going for it – 1TB of free space for everyone, for example, plus advanced tagging and organisational tools to make sense out of the growing pile of digital pictures you upload. Images and video can be sent straight to your account from your mobile devices.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

● Android | Varies | Free



# SCAN PAPER DOCUMENTS

Want to digitise your paper documents and clear your filing cabinet? Of course you do – and *CamScanner* can help, via your smartphone's camera.



## CAMSCANNER

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0

| Free

● Android | OS 2.3

| Free



## IFTTT



IFTTT (If This Then That,

known just as *If* on mobile) lets you plug different services and apps together.

You can, for example, send all your

*Instagram* photos to

*Dropbox* or compile

all the data from

your *Jawbone* fitness

tracker in a *Google*

*Drive* document;

alternatively you can

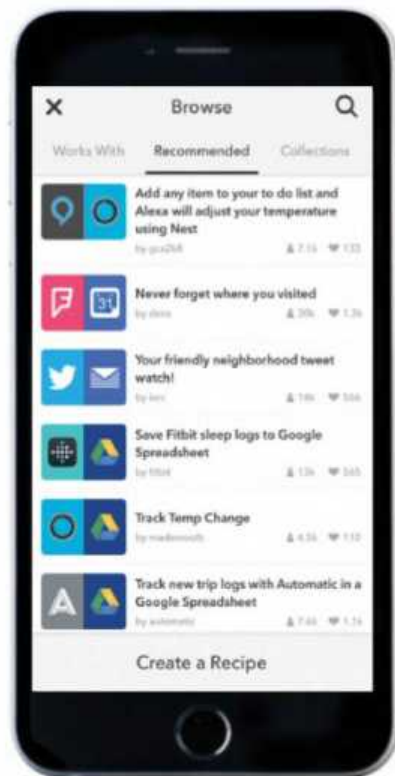
get text alerts when your kids are heading home

or when the weather forecast is bad. All kinds of

great links are possible

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free

● Android | OS Varies | Free



## DROPBOX



The developers of *Dropbox* were one of the first teams to realise the advantages of a cross-platform syncing service and to put together

something along those lines that actually

worked. If you have *Dropbox* running on all your computers and all your devices then you don't need to ever worry about being without a crucial file (you can get at your *Dropbox* through any web browser too).

*Dropbox* runs so smoothly that it feels like a native part of whatever operating system you happen to be using at the time. Everything is kept in sync automatically, even if other people are working on the same files, and it's also an excellent way of sharing files and folders with other people (whether you want to allow editing access or not).

The photo and video upload features are particularly strong and can cope with memory cards slotted into your computers as well, while on the web

*Dropbox* lets you manage recent events

and even undelete files. Perhaps the only negative here is the rather paltry 2GB of space given away for free, but the upgrade prices are quite reasonable.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free



## INSTAPAPER

**I** Whether you've got a spare hour or just five minutes, *Instapaper* enables you to catch up with all the reading you didn't get around to the last time you were at a computer. You can send webpages to the app in a variety of ways, pages which are then formatted and cleaned up to make them easier to digest. Catching up with your reading list becomes a lot more enjoyable.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 9.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **OS Varies** | **Free**

## GOOGLE CALENDAR

**31** A good calendar app is essential for any smartphone (or tablet) owner, and even after all these years it's hard to look past *Google Calendar*: it works just about everywhere, it integrates neatly with *Gmail* and *Google Now*, and it offers plenty of flexibility when creating events. It remains the lightweight but powerful calendar software that the others have to beat.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **OS Varies** | **Free**

*Google Calendar* is still the schedule app to beat



## OFFICE APPS ON THE GO

### MICROSOFT WORD

**W** The legendary word processor, now available on Android and iOS devices so you can tap away from your mobile phone or tablet and get that report finished while you're on the train – it's almost as good as the desktop app. Like the other *Office* apps here, basic functionality is provided for free, with an *Office 365* subscription unlocking a few useful extras.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **OS 4.4** | **Free**

### MICROSOFT EXCEL

**X** Tiny screens aren't ideal for large spreadsheets but this mobile version of *Excel* makes the best of it: as well as viewing sheets, you do get an impressive number of editing features as well, so you can pull together charts and tables even while you're away from your main computer. The option to add and edit comments has just been introduced too.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **OS 4.4** | **Free**

### MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

**P** Out of all the *Office* apps, *PowerPoint* is perhaps the one you're most likely to want to take on your smartphone or tablet, just so you can put a few finishing touches to your slides before making a presentation. If you're an *Office 365* subscriber, then you can access Presenter View, showing your slides via video output.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **OS 4.4** | **Free**

### MICROSOFT OUTLOOK

**O** Microsoft's powerhouse desktop email client doesn't have the same kind of clout on mobile, but its developers are working hard to change that – the smartphone and tablet versions of *Outlook* have been vastly improved in recent times, making it much easier to be productive on the go. You can add Google and Apple accounts as well as Microsoft ones.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Free**

### MICROSOFT ONENOTE

**N** *OneNote* wants to be your go-to app for storing lists, notes, photos and everything else that doesn't fit elsewhere in *Office*: whether you want to build up a list of recipes or bookmarked sites from the web, *OneNote* can help (and sync effortlessly across devices). It's flexible enough to be able to turn its hand to almost any task you want to give it.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**  
● **Android** | **OS Varies** | **Free**

## TWEETBOT

**T** *Twitter*'s an excellent app for keeping in touch with friends, meeting like-minded people, professional networking, staying on top of breaking news and so on, but you don't have to settle for the rather plain official app – the recently revamped *Tweetbot* is an impressive third-party alternative with auto-scrolling feeds and more.

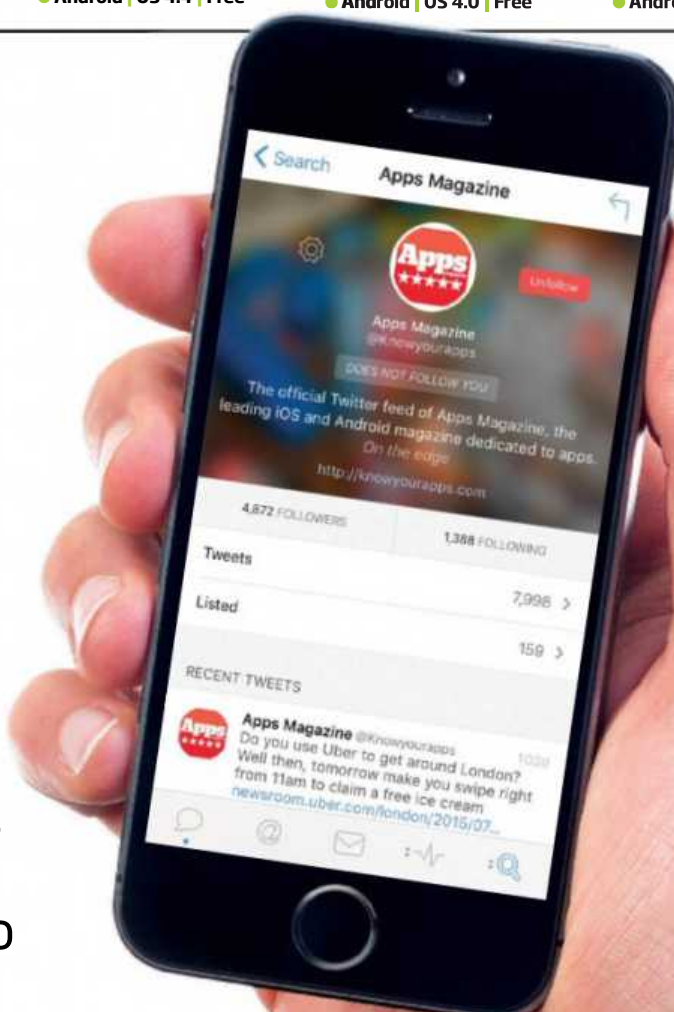
Whether you want to stay on top of a breaking news or sports event, or you're looking to link up with other people in your industry, or you just want to message a few friends, *Twitter* has you covered. *Tweetbot* can sync your timeline and activity across multiple devices, as long as they're all made by Apple, and lets you set up advanced mute filters so you only see the content you want to see.

Another *Tweetbot* innovation is the statistics and activity view, giving you access to everything that's happening across your *Twitter* network in a lot more detail than the standard Notifications tab. Add a smooth, clean interface and you can tell why *Tweetbot* has so many fans.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 9.0** | **£3.99/\$4.99**

**“Add a smooth and clean interface and you can tell why Tweetbot has so many fans”**


*Tweetbot* offers more than the official iOS *Twitter* app



# THE BEST INTERACTIVE BOOKS FOR KIDS

GET YOUR KIDS TO READ BY PRETENDING THEY'RE NOT READING


## THREE LITTLE PIGS

 *The Three Little Pigs* is a classic children's story but finally the trio and that Big Bad Wolf have been brought to life. Each page includes a mini-game you need to complete to continue, such as find hidden objects. Only five pages are visible before you hit the paywall, by which time you've only reached the first little pig's house being built, which is disappointing. Not enough content before the paywall, but it is bright and fun up until then.

★★★★★  
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| Freemium | v5.03




## THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

 The main story is *The Princess And The Pea*, told with gorgeous illustrations, but you can also play mini games throughout, such as puzzles and dressing the princess. The games are a little removed from the story, so it would have been nice if they were more closely integrated. The drawings are lovely and the story is well written.

★★★★★  
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| Freemium | v2.5  
● Android | OS 4.0.3 |  
| Freemium | v1.1.5




## SPEAKABOOS STORIES

 *Speakaboos* has an enormous array of stories on a range of topics that kids love, such as dinosaurs, space and food. You take a key part in the story by performing tasks, like loading bricks onto a train or dressing an astronaut. The story comes to life through amazing animations. It's bright and engaging, but a little simple.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| Freemium | v2.3.2  
● Android | OS 4.1 |  
| Freemium | v3.3.2




## KIDS'N BOOKS

 The stories themselves are well adapted children's classics and there is a bit of in-story interaction as you cause objects to move, shimmer and make noises. However, there are some excellent mini games in there as well, such as unearthing dinosaurs. An involving, multi-layered app. You can either read the stories or play the mini games. Both are extremely stimulating.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 5.1.1  
| Freemium | v3.26  
● Android | OS 2.2  
| Freemium | v3.35



## THE WIRED BUNCH: ISSUE 2

 What are cooler than robots and cowboys? Robot cowboys, of course! *The Wired Bunch* is a group of rootin' tootin' cyborgs that are in battle with a group of evil robotic villains. Your role is to progress the story by controlling the hero, Dust T. Gadget as he decides where to go and which baddie to shoot.

Good story, fun characters and you really feel a part of the story.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.5





# ARCADIA BY IAIN PEARS

## THE INTERACTIVE NOVEL DESIGNED FOR THE SMARTPHONE GENERATION



Technology may well be the reason behind the year-on-year decline in book sales, but this fascinating, interactive novel by Iain Pears may have just shifted the goalposts.

Much like those books you read as a kid where you decided if the hero was going to turn left into the woods or right towards the town, *Arcadia* is a multi-stranded novel in which you can choose what story you read and when.

After the opening chapter, the book splits into ten different strands, each relating to a different character. You can read all the way through one character's story, or you can swipe left or right to read a different character's tale. Every now and again the strands intertwine and that chapter will cover more than one character, but soon enough they split again and you have to make the tricky choice regarding whose story you continue with.

You are guided through the story by an interactive map that tells you when you have read a particular chapter. This is an easy visual way for you to remember what you

### PROS/CONS

- ▲ **Original take on the novel**
- ▲ **Easy-to-follow storyline map**
- ▼ **Can be a little annoying to leave a strand**
- ▼ **The basic book layout is a little bland for our personal liking**

have and haven't read. Pears claims that the novel works because the way in which the reader travels in the book will determine how you perceive each character.

This is a truly original way of writing a novel and the levels of interactivity really do set it apart from all of its rivals. The map can be quickly accessed, it is beautifully designed and demonstrates clearly what parts you have yet to read.

It can be frustrating to track back through somebody else's story just as you're getting into a character's narrative, but it is a unique way of reading a novel and Pears' inventiveness has to be applauded. However, if you want to get the full story it will set you back £2.99, but it's certainly worth the money.

**If you still love to read but are looking for something a bit different, this is definitely worth trying out for a really novel reading experience. Sorry.**

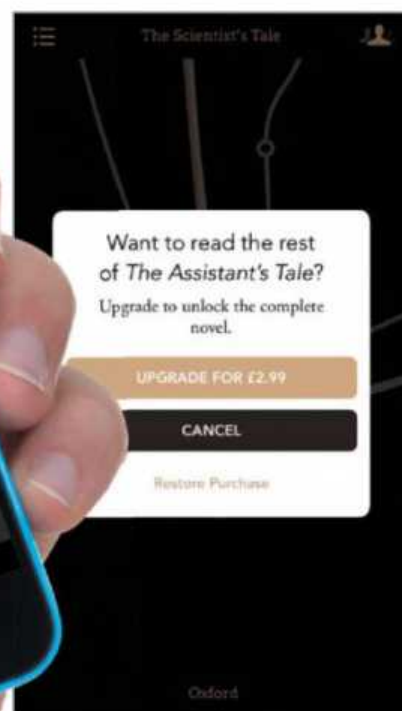
★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.1**

<http://bit.ly/arcadiabyainpears>



**Above** A simple swipe can take you to the next character's story strand



**Above** The second half of the book is hidden behind a £2.99 paywall

## HOW TO...

skip across story strands



**01 Begin reading**  
Open the app and read the first page, scrolling vertically through the story.



**02 Swipe horizontally**  
Swipe left or right when you get to a point where the story splits.



**03 Continue reading**  
The stories have converged when there's no arrow by the heading.



**04 Find the map**  
Tap the icon in the top left of the screen to return to the map and check your progress.



**05 Restart your journey**  
Search for a heading without a white circle and begin reading.

# ASSEMBLY

## GET STARTED IN GRAPHIC DESIGN WITH THE HELP OF THIS INTUITIVE APP



If you fancy yourself as a budding designer but don't want to splash out on expensive software, *Assembly* is a great starting point.

It's a really simple app that provides you with a blank canvas onto which you can drop a huge variety of geometric shapes to create a picture, logo, animal or pretty much anything. You can also use a photo instead of a blank sheet. There is a full range of editing options so you can rotate the shapes, enlarge them, colour them and even add shadows.

*Assembly* has a handful of tutorials that show you how to perform the basic functions of the app, such as duplicating images and shifting an image, before letting you loose on the app itself to create whatever takes your fancy. Although it can be a little irritatingly fiddly at times and it's all too easy to move a shape that you had just got into the right position, it doesn't take long for you to be manipulating images with ease and creating cool pictures and artwork.



**Above** It doesn't take long to create an image

After creating your image you can export the finished piece as a JPG, PNG or SVG file and then save it to the library or forward it via the usual methods.

This is a well-designed app and an easy, free way to create bright, vibrant and original mini artworks on your iPhone or iPad.



**Pixite LLC** has done a brilliant job in



developing a simple, easy to use app to help people create artwork on their phone.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0  
<http://apple.co/1MGRquM>

# LUCID BY PERFECTLY CLEAR

## PHOTO EDITING IS MADE SIMPLE WITH THE LUCID APP



Striving for the perfect photo is difficult, and while we may have improved cameras, the need for an editing app is still as important as ever. One of the things that drew us to *Lucid* by Perfectly Clear is its simplicity. The interface has been designed to make it easy for any editing amateur to jump in with the most essential editing techniques. The toolbar at the bottom of the app gives instant access to the majority of features, with a variety of toggles appearing when one of these is pressed. One of the gleaming features of *Lucid* is the compare function, which enables users to see a before and after version of any images they put through it. It's ideal for experimenting with different features or highlighting areas that need improvement.

That said, compared to other apps, *Lucid* is a little basic. Some features have been stripped back and one or two aren't overly useful in



**Left** Go between edit and compare to see a before and after look at the edits you're using

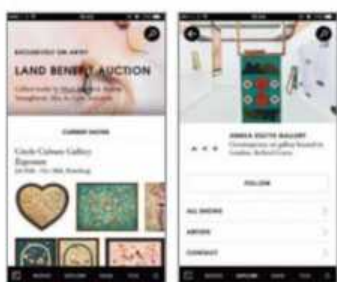
the long run. These are few and far between, however. Sharing is a big part of the editing process and *Lucid* includes a two-step system where you can distribute your favourite images to friends and family easily and it worked well during our tests. It'll be too basic for some, but *Lucid* has decent features throughout.

**If you require a simple photo-editing app, *Lucid* should be one you consider**



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.0  
<http://apple.co/10zdazt>





## ARTSY



Professional art shows and exhibitions have historically tended to be hidden within the art world, which can make it difficult for newcomers. However, *Artsy* changes all of that because it offers real-time news on the latest exhibitions, and in the latest update, lets you bid in art-related auctions and use 3D Touch on the iPhone to great effect. It also caters for a wide range of genres, which makes it truly worth exploring.

If you are serious about art, this is an app to help you discover what's great and where.



● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v2.3.1



## RELAY FM



From the moment you start using the *Relay FM* app, you will realise that it is a very well made piece of software. The animations, transitions and artwork are top class, making the experience truly immersive and enjoyable to use. Also, the speed at which the podcasts stream is simply exceptional. There really is nothing wrong with this app, but it is possible that many will prefer a more generic podcast app that lets them play media from various sources instead.

A wonderfully designed podcasting app with some interesting touches.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0



## BOOMERANG FROM INSTAGRAM



The premise behind *Boomerang* is really very simple. You can record

mini-movies with your phone that will be looped, and you can then share them over the most popular services and social media networks. It's good to see *Instagram* branching out into new forms, but it may be just a temporary fad or a tool that you only use for a relatively short period of time. It does at least give users a new sharing medium to play with.

*Boomerang* lets you make mini-movies to share with friends. It kind of works.



● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0  
● Android | OS 4.3 | Free | v1.0.1



## TELEVISION TIME



*Television Time* is primarily designed for those who like to binge watch TV shows

because it lets you easily keep track of how far you have got. But it also has the potential to help you see what shows are airing and to discover new shows that you may be interested in. The interface is beautifully made and highlights the artwork of each show with useful descriptions added for good measure. If you love TV you should consider this app.

You can now binge watch TV shows and keep track of everything in one app.



● iPad+ | iOS 8.0  
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.1



## GIF EDITOR



*GIF Editor* includes thousands of GIFs that you can tweak to your own preferences and then share with others. You can add text, enhance with filters and also discover all of the most popular and amusing GIFs that are trending at the moment. It all works efficiently and is easy to use, but it would be nice to see more personalisation available to make your creations truly unique. It's a good start and is enjoyable, but needs more to truly stand out. A fun app to help you create GIFs in seconds and to share them with friends.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| Freemium | v1.0



## THE LIST APP



Many people love creating lists either for organisational purposes or just

for fun. It starts off with listing favourite songs and films and can quickly become a habit that covers almost every subject imaginable. *The List App*, if you like making lists, lets you create and share lists on any obscure subject of your choosing and it works very well. The interface is a little dull in places, but overall we found the list sharing experience to be great immersive fun.

A social network based around lists? In a strange way, this really does work.



● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.0

TOP 05  
apps to...

## WATCH VIDEOS



### 01 PLEX



You can create your own media server with *Plex* to stream your favourite movies and home videos to any device. The set up is simple and the performance is brilliant.



● iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium | v4.0.6  
● Android | OS 3.2  
| Freemium | v4.13.1.452

### 02 VLC REMOTE



*VLC Remote* lets you remotely control what is playing from your VLC Media Player and it also lets you control the media that is playing. It greatly enhances your viewing experience.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v9.01  
● Android | OS 2.1  
| £1.90/\$2.90 | v4.12

### 03 INFUSE 3



This is a feature rich video player that includes support for Dolby®, DTS-HD® audio, AirPlay, Google Cast and virtually everything other feature you could need. A brilliant solution.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.6.1

### 04 YOUTUBE



How can we not include *YouTube* in a top 5 of video playing apps? The controls are simple, the performance is reliable and the content is unmatched by other video services.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v10.42  
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

### 05 PLAYERXTREME MEDIA PLAYER



With support for multiple file formats and a pleasingly simple interface, *Playerxtreme* will help you sync your movies to your device for playing anywhere without an internet connection.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v5.8.1



# RETOUCH YOUR PHOTOS

## APPS THAT BANISH BLEMISHES AND FIX OTHER PHOTO FAULTS

### ADOBE PHOTOSHOP FIX

The focus of this Adobe app is on allowing you to "transform, heal and retouch" images regardless of the subject. The tools take good advantage of the touchscreen so it's easy to do cosmetic changes such as make eyes bigger and brighter or broaden a smile. To use it you must register with Adobe's Creative Cloud. Adobe's expertise and this app's tight focus make it simple to cure flawed photos.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1  
| Free | v1.1



### TOUCHRETOUCH

You don't get the facial manipulation features you find in some selfie editors and *Photoshop Fix* with this app. It does, however, offer lasso, brush, eraser and cloning tools for removing parts of a photo that you don't want. Do review the tutorial first because it's not obvious how tools work. This versatile app can quickly erase details that can detract from your pictures of memorable moments.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 5.1.1  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v3.3.1  
● Android | OS 4.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v3.2.3



### FACETUNE

Marketed for selfie editing, this app gives you more flexibility with touching up faces than *Photoshop Fix*. It doesn't have the handy 'nodes' in the app's Liquify feature but you can smooth skin, whiten teeth, refine and reshape facial features, remove red eyes and much more with a few swipes. This app has all you need for a virtual facelift when your self-portrait isn't flattering.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0  
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v2.5.4  
● Android | OS 4.1  
| £1.99/\$3.99 | v1.0.15



### PIXTR

This app got praise from *Cosmopolitan* so if you have an image that needs beautifying, it does come well recommended. It's the easiest app to use among those reviewed here because it 'perfects' your portrait automatically. You import an image that needs a makeover from the camera, the *Photos* app or *Facebook* and *Pixtr* does the rest for you. An attractive option if your profile picture needs a quick and easy makeover.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0  
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.8



### HANDY PHOTO

Adva-Soft, developers of *TouchRetouch*, also designed this app but the focus here is more on enhancing images than cleaning them up. From toolboxes neatly arranged in the corners of the editing screen, you can adjust the colour tone, add textures and move parts of an image around.

With this flexible app you can restore some life to pale cheeks and faded memories.

★★★★★

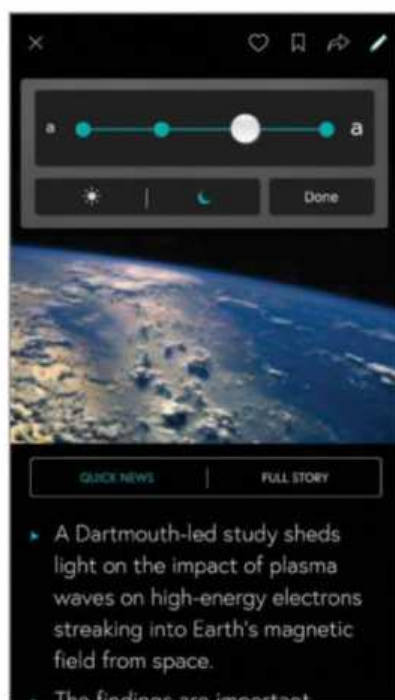
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● Android | OS 4.0  
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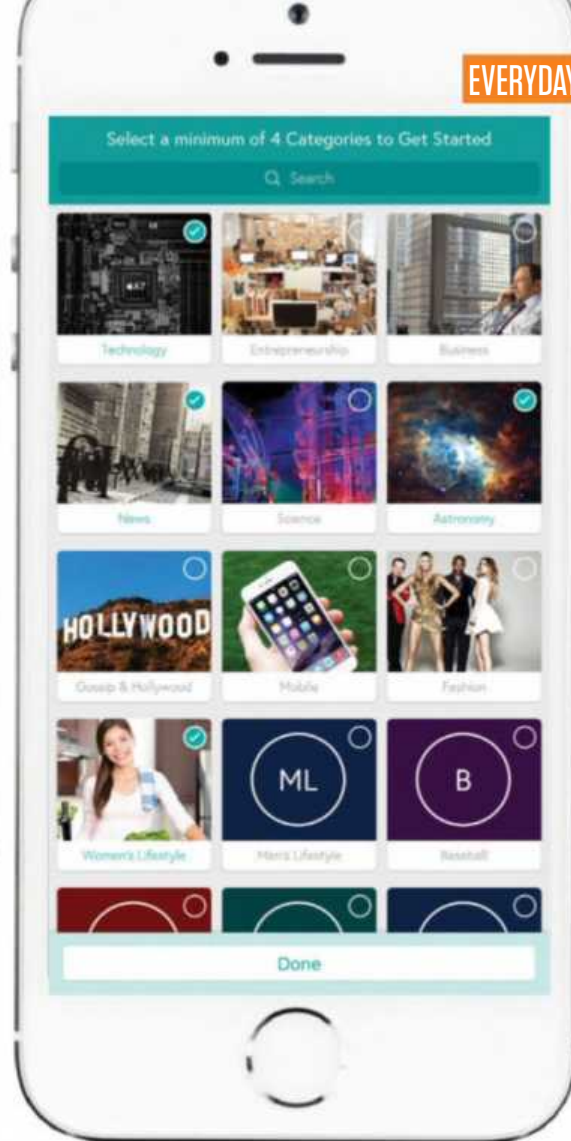




**Above** You can read most stories in four-point Summaries



**Above** Night mode is a great feature for reading your Pipes when it's dark



# PIPES NEWS

## EXTRA EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT... BUT VERY QUICKLY!

### PROS/CONS

- ▲ Use of tags to affect the feed is unique for a news app
- ▲ Sections are very clearly labelled
- ▼ Can't choose sources
- ▼ Summaries aren't always there or don't summarise properly



With the demise of *Circa News* in mid-2015, it seemed like news stories written in brief were on a downward trend. *Pipes News* aims to bring back the compressed pieces, personally customised to every reader's consumption pattern.

Choose topics you are most concerned about reading and they will be offered in a one-page scroll feed, listed chronologically. You can sort these by topic if you tap on Pipes, so that you can gain instant access to the subject you want to read about most at that time. Summaries are built in to almost every piece, showing the four concise key points of the article for quick comprehension, with the option to read the article in full if you want more details. The Summaries don't seem to make the distinction between feature articles and news articles though and other times the key points can actually miss the point of the piece entirely. You can also bookmark articles to read them later.

It's all the usual, expected features so far anyway. But tap on the heart of an article, and that's where *Pipes News*

starts to work its magic. This is where *Pipes* automatically adds the tags for that article into your interest categories, so that more of what you enjoy reading will appear in the main collated feed, regardless of going into the individual Pipes. If you want to remove any of these tags, it's simply a case of going into your interests and tapping on the heart next to the one you want gone.

You can type in more interests to add to your feed, but you have to do that via the Search tool. This wasn't the only feature that we found disorganised. We think that being able to immediately see or select your content sources would do wonders. *Pipes* is a useful news app regardless, it's just that there are going to be sources you trust more than others, so it makes sense for the ability to distinguish newspapers from gossip sites.

**Concise news is great, but *Pipes* needs more refining.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0  
apple.co/1Si13Xj

## ALTERNATIVELY

Here are five other news app for reading up on current affairs

### 01 FLIPBOARD

The quintessential magazine app, *Flipboard* is still one of the best around for keeping up to date with all the latest goings-on in the world.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 3.0

| Free | v1.0

● Android | Varies

| Free | Varies

### 02 NEWS

Apple's answer to *Flipboard* is styled in a simple, list-like structure. You can also read articles from your favourite newspapers easily. The app is a native one, so makes sure iOS is up to date.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 9.0

| Free | v1.0

### 03 INFORM: PERSONALIZED NEWS DISCOVERY

Organise the news most interesting to you by selecting phrases from the Word Wall and collect them to be read later. Comes with *Pocket* integration.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0

| Free | v3.0

### 04 NEWS360: YOUR PERSONALIZED NEWS READER

Fullscreen photos and news tailored for you, based on what you give a thumbs up or thumbs down. Works like *Pipes* but with a sleeker interface.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0

| Free | v4.1.3

### 05 NEWSY: VIDEO NEWS

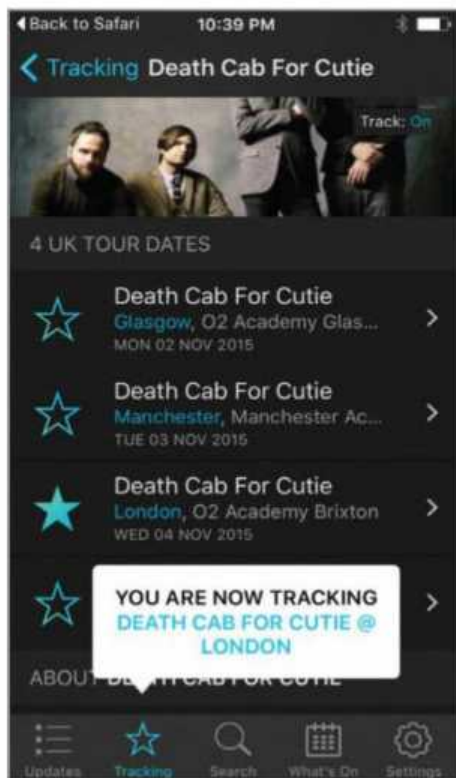
Do you want a bite-sized news feed but are tired of having to read words? *Newsy* presents information quickly in video form in just two minutes or less. Great for on-the-go-consumption.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0

| Free | v2.2.5

# GIGALERT



**Above** All of a musician's current tour dates are displayed for you to peruse

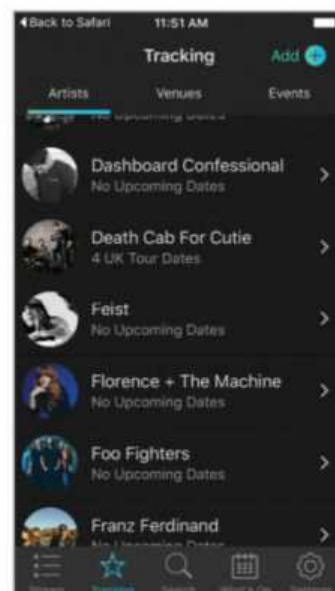
## NEVER MISS YOUR FAVOURITE BAND ON TOUR AGAIN



Gigs are a regular outing for any muso, but with the increasing number of artists releasing music, it may be difficult keeping track of who's touring and when. *GigAlert* from Ents24 is a great solution for staying up to date with future concerts. You can start off by scanning your *iTunes* or *Spotify* library to add the core musicians you want to follow.

Then in the Tracking section, you will immediately see how many gigs have been planned for the near future. *GigAlert* can also notify you if any new dates crop up and become available. If you tap on a band and an existing gig date, you will be presented with the different ticket types on offer, options to purchase the ticket, and the venue location. However, you can't see the availability of the tickets until you are taken to an external page and browse around.

It's not just musicians that you can keep track of, you can follow venues too if there's a particular haunt you enjoy. Or you can follow events to get notified of the latest additions to Glastonbury festival, for example. *GigAlert*



**Left** *GigAlert* will notify you of upcoming dates

also features comedians as well as bands and artists. The app works fine for some devices, but in our experience can crash unexpectedly on others. It makes for a good well-rounded tool for music fans, but that's only if you can get it working...

**Keeping track of artists and gigs is easier than ever, but more features could really benefit *GigAlert*.**



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0  
<http://apple.co/1LyLdla>

# CALLED IT! NOSTRADAMUS COULDN'T HAVE PREDICTED HOW FUN THIS WOULD BE



If like us, you're one to indulge in theories about what the next instalment of *Star Wars* will involve, or you take yourself to be a master at predicting the Premier League winner then *Called it!* will satisfy your cravings.

After initially choosing the topics you have an interest in, *Called it!* will present a newsfeed of guesses made by members. You can upvote or downvote these depending on whether you think they're likely or not, as well as comment on the prediction. There are also questions made by the *Called it!* team, which provide set answers for you to choose and predict - like how many awards you think Taylor Swift will win at the AMAs. You are also able to write your own predictions and set them loose on the app's members.

It all works very intuitively and you can get started with the guessing straight away.

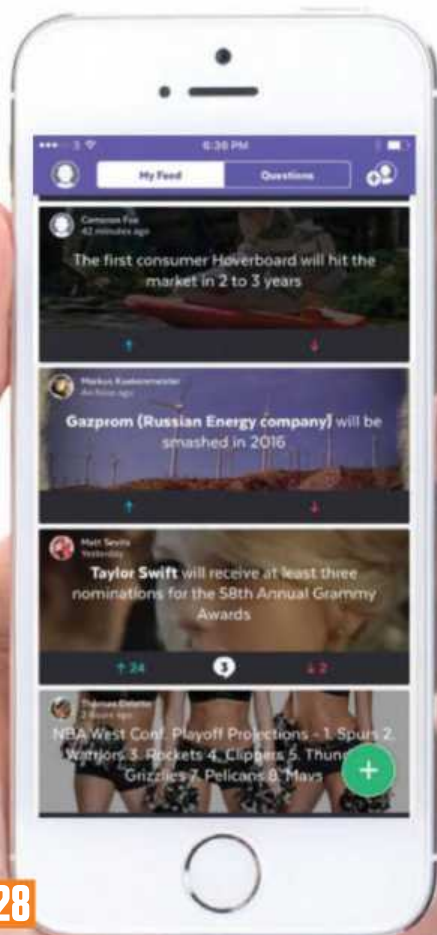
However, there's just no way to sort the predictions by topic or by language. They're all just splayed on the feed in seemingly random order - the initial category picking could be put to more use here.

There's a great deal of interaction going on regardless though, and we predict that *Called it!* will have a community growing in strength very quickly.

**More than just a random guessing game, *Called it!* has great potential and a growing community of passionate predictors.**



● iPhone+ | OS 8.0 | Free | v1.0  
<http://apple.co/1B3yy3f>



**Above** *Called it!* will provide some set answers for you to vote on



# GLP CITY GUIDE

WOW YOUR FRIENDS WITH SMALL BUT IMPRESSIVE VENUES



Imagine: you're on a city break, finding something to do beyond eating at chain restaurants. You can rely on *TripAdvisor*, but it all seems very impersonal – what you really need is someone to show you the little eateries and family-run businesses that might not necessarily be Grade-A tourist attractions. Well *GLP - Great Little Place* takes on that role perfectly. With adorable illustrations, *GLP* genuinely feels like a personal guide.

You can look for food, coffee, entertainment and more – you can click multiple options if you want somewhere that does food and live music for example. The results are presented with a big picture to give you a sneak peek inside the venue, and a quote by the user who submitted the place explaining why they like it so much. Other than a map to let you search by location, and a feature to let you save the GLP to your black book of places, that's basically it.

**Left** Submit your own favourite little places to share with other users



**Above** There are many categories to choose from



**Above** The map works great; search for places via GPS

It all works very effortlessly, and we admire the simplistic approach. But without a ratings system, there's just no way to tell which place is better to go to. If you want the cream of the crop, *TripAdvisor* is still probably the best choice, but otherwise *GLP* is a pretty and easy to use utility for finding something a bit different to do.

**Great Little Place is a great, and indeed little, app for explorers.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v2.0.1  
<http://apple.co/1WtxXDw>

**“The results are presented with a big picture to give you a sneak peek inside the venue, and a quote by the user”**

# LUMENAKI

NOTE-TAKING AND PHOTOS OF MOMENTS JUST GOT SLEEKER



*Lumenaki* is an all-in-one blog-cum-recorder of all of your life's events. This sounds a bit run of the mill in all honesty on first open, but it's the details that can be made in the posts that really turn this app into an essential download. You're given 1.5GB of memory at first, but this can be expanded with in-app purchases or by performing tasks in the app.

Posted content is first sorted into albums, which enable you to add all places, text, people,

photos and videos from a variety of sources – you can even integrate with your *Instagram*, *Flickr* or *Facebook* photo albums should you so wish. There are also other options available for you to add to your album, like recipes, to-do lists and product information. Those additional choices may not work as intuitively as the original set ones, but the only limit is really just your imagination. From there, you can share your albums with others for them to contribute to or to simply read.

You can even post your albums online for others to see in cool website form, and these website albums will update in real-time with any edits you make. We can see this being a very effective blog-like feature and one that makes *Lumenaki* unique in comparison to other productivity apps.

**It's a comprehensive app and very simple to use, *Lumenaki* have really thought of everything here.**

★★★★★

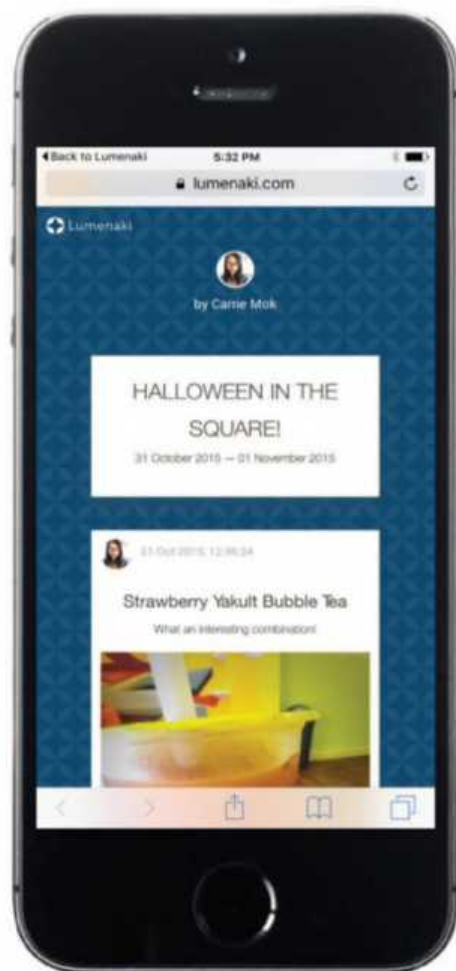
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**Above** You can add photos to posts by capturing moments



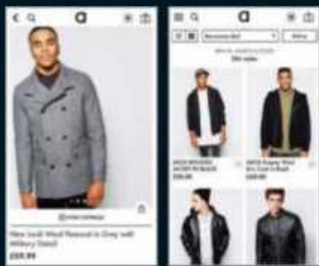
**Above** Look for records around to see what's happening nearby



**Right** There are only two themes to choose from at the moment

# TOP 05 apps to...

## BUYING NEW CLOTHES



### 01 ASOS

You can browse and purchase from thousands of items in the *ASOS* app. Everything from the interface to the varieties to the pricing is simply excellent throughout and familiar to regular browsers of the *ASOS* website.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.6  
● Android | Varies | Free | v4.0.3

### 02 VILLOID

*Villoid* lets you visually compare articles of clothing from Converse, Alex Chung and many other well-known brands in a way that will help you find the perfect outfit for any occasion.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.9

### 03 VINTED - BUY, SELL & SWAP FASHION

If you are careful and like to create outfits with pre-loved clothing, *Vinted* will be the ideal app for you to buy, sell and swap anything you want to.

★★★★★  
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.26.4  
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v5.5.6.0

### 04 MALLZEE

More than 2 million products and 100 stores in all in just one app? Yes, that is what *Mallzee* offers and it gives you all of the clothing options you could ever need, no matter the occasion.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.2.5  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | Varies

### 05 GILT

If designer clothes are your thing, but the prices are too hot to handle, *Gilt* offers a chance to have access to price alerts which could save you a fortune.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v4.5.2  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | Varies



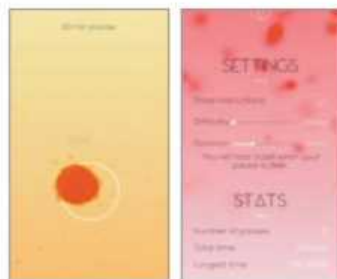
## BASIL SMART RECIPE MANAGER



This app is designed to help you discover new recipes and to then collect them all in one safe place. You can create shopping lists for the ingredients you need and start the process of creating some beautiful meals. It all works well and we were impressed with the speed of the app, but initially it is very confusing and feels bereft of content. Take some time to understand it, however, and you will get a lot out of it if you are on the look out for recipes.

A competent app for recipe collecting and discovery, but it's slightly confusing.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 9.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v3.0.1



## PAUSE



Mindfulness has historically been triggered by sound, so the use of an app which simply involves holding your finger on an object is unusual indeed. It is incredibly simple and some may wonder what they are paying for, but the fact that it works very well makes it easily worth the money. You need to train yourself to take the time to use *Pause* and some time spent each day holding your finger on the screen will ease your worries.

This approach to mindfulness really does work well.

★★★★★  
● iPhone | iOS 6.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.1



## DISCONTENT - BLOCK CONTENT



*Discontent*, like other new offerings on the App Store, will block the content you need to ensure a much faster web browsing experience in mobile *Safari*. It is very much a cut down blocker with zero options to play with and only one setting to tweak at the start, but the end result will be less data used, quicker websites and less intrusion as you browse each day. There are more fully featured blockers available, but this one will do more than enough for most.

This app is so simple, but so effective thanks to the latest changes from Apple.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 9.0  
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.0



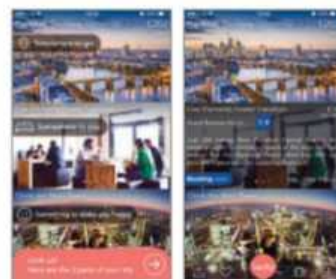
## FIETE



It takes great skill to create a book for very young children and it is obvious from the start that much care has been put in to the way *FiTe* works. Children get to move objects around the screen which will then become animated and throughout there is a sense of achievement, no matter how small it may seem to adults. Parents will love this offering.

A simple and fun way for very young children to explore a picture-book.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 5.1.1  
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.7.0  
● Android | OS 2.2  
| £0.71/\$1.10 | v1.5.1



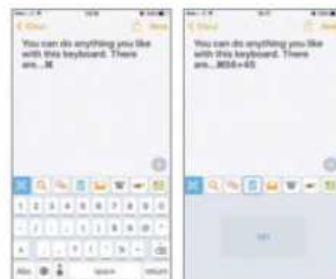
## LUCKYTRIP



*LuckyTrip* offers a novel approach to planning a trip by letting you enter an amount of money that you want to pay for the entire trip, at which point it will offer a place to visit, somewhere to stay and something within the trip that makes you happy. The entire process takes seconds, but the end results are almost always enlightening and likely to give you lots of inspiration for your next journey. It is a clever, unique and entertaining solution.

Set your budget to have the perfect trip created for you seconds. Brilliant.

★★★★★  
● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.01



## REBOARD



*ReBoard* attempts to give you access to many features from your iPhone keyboard and totally changes the way you enter data. We cannot possibly cover all of the features, but image searching, nearby places, calendar management and news lookups are all involved. Take time to understand everything available to get a lot out of it, with the only downside being that normal text entry is slightly less intuitive than the standard keyboard.

Take your iPhone keyboard to a whole new level with these integrated shortcuts.

★★★★★  
● iPad+ | iOS 8.1  
| Freemium | v2.0.1



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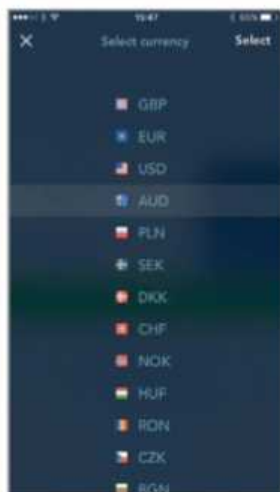
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#### PROS/CONS

- ▲ Great layout makes transfers smooth
- ▲ Backlog system is ideal for keeping track of previous transactions
- ▼ Lack of security could be irksome to some users
- ▼ Not all world currencies are currently supported

**Left** The app includes support for most of the world currencies, but there are a few omissions



While it's commonplace to find apps on both iOS and Android devices that enable users to perform quick currency conversions, mobile bank transfer apps are far less frequent. While *TransferWise* will perhaps be a company that many users have come across over the past few years, it's only been until recently that their mobile app has come to the fore.

While the process of transferring money when on your travels may seem complex, *TransferWise* has been cleverly designed to make it as simple as possible. Various menus are signalled through icons that sit at the bottom of the screen and there's even a handy tutorial to help guide you through the first transfer. Transfers are surprisingly quick, and as long as you've entered the recipient's details correctly, the process will take no more than two minutes to confirm. Once done, you'll find a new entry added to your transfer list, which also acts as a vault of completed transfers. It's a safe and secure way to look at past transactions.

What is a little irksome when using the app is the lack of real security needed to access your transaction details. While none of your bank details are shown, it wouldn't take too much effort for someone to dig a little deeper into your banking activity. That said, there are other ways you secure your iPhone, so it shouldn't cause an issue for most people.

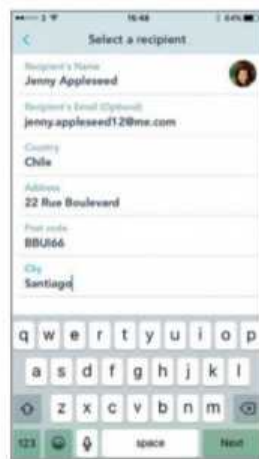
Banking on the go is big business and the *TransferWise* app adds another option for those who are avid users of mobile banking. It's perfectly suited for both businesses and individuals, while its ease of use will cater for those not too familiar with online banking on their smartphone. We'd love to see a few security features added, but in its current state, *TransferWise* is still a great app.

**An ideal solution for both businesses and individuals to do their banking on the go.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.15  
<http://apple.co/1ARUXkS>

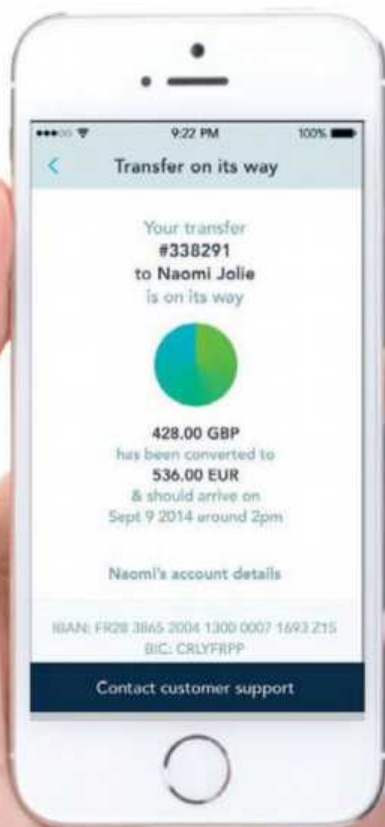
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.0  
<http://bit.ly/20Pgiv2>



**Left** Make sure your recipient's details are correct, or expect to see an error message pop up

# TRANSFERWISE

## PERFORM ON-THE-SPOT BANK TRANSFERS TO PEOPLE



**Above** *TransferWise* uses live feeds to calculate the current conversion rate of your transfer

“TransferWise is perfectly suited for both businesses and individuals”

## ALTERNATIVELY

The best money transfer apps

#### 01 VENMO

Instant payments are Venmo's speciality, so expect transfers to be completed fast. Can be a little slow with large amounts of money.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v6.15.4  
● Android | OS 4.0.1 | Free | v4.0.1

#### 02 WORLD FIRST MONEY TRANSFER

Keep track of how your payment is doing, as well as get notifications as soon as the money has hit the recipient's account.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.1 | Free | v2.3  
● Android | OS 4.0.1 | Free | v2.01

#### 03 WORLDREMIT

The *WorldRemit* app has one of the lowest fees for transferring money, but the app itself can be a little unstable at some times.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v1.18.0  
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

#### 04 AZIMO MONEY TRANSFER

With the *Azimo* app you can do it all, no matter if you want to do a transfer, sort out a cash pick-up or even top up a PAYG mobile.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v5.2.4  
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v1.2.4

#### 05 XOOM MONEY TRANSFER

A stylish looking app that includes a plethora of features to make transferring money as seamless as can be.

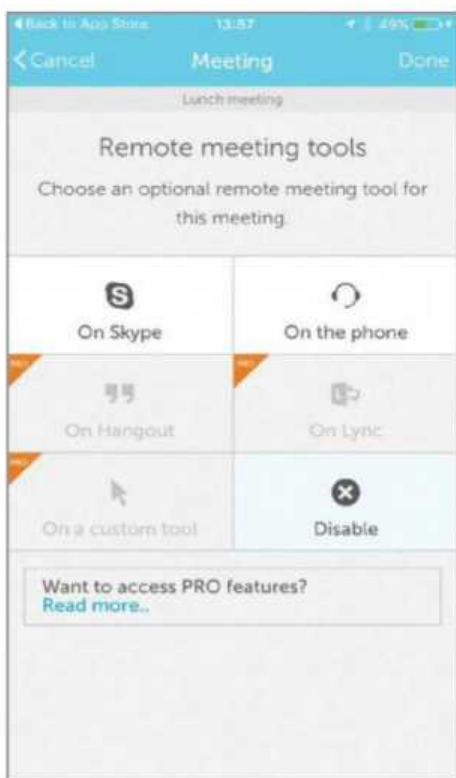
★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.9  
● Android | OS 4.0.1 | Free | v4.0.1



# SWIPETOMEET

## ORGANISE YOUR LIFE IN A FLASH WITH SWIPETOMEET



Organising events can be pretty tricky, especially if one of your group doesn't have *Facebook* or *WhatsApp*. Even then there are complications, with *Facebook* having the maybe option and *WhatsApp* conversations have the potential to go somewhat off topic.

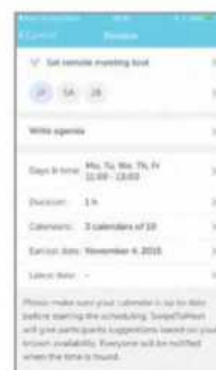
Enter *SwipeToMeet*, a simple app that allows you to schedule events in seconds and your invited guests to accept or decline with a *Tinder*-style swipe to the left or right.

The app itself sports a really clean design, with a big, bold starting point where you select what kind of meeting you want to set up. Next, set the place, time and date, choose which friends from any of your contacts lists you want to attend this meeting and send away your invites. Your friends will get a ping and swipe their attendance availability.

If you want to be more general, such as a 'Let's have a get together at some point next

**Left** You can invite as many people as you want to your event

**“The app will look at your chosen guests' calendars to find a time to suit everyone”**



**Above** Choose the type of event you want to create



**Above** Sync the details of your other apps with *SwipeToMeet*

weekend' thing, you can set wider parameters and the app will look at your chosen guests' calendars to find a time to suit everyone.

It would be nice if there was a chat function but simplicity was seemingly key here.

**This app solves so many problems with scheduling events, is well-designed and free, which is a real bonus.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.5  
<http://apple.co/10No2ta>

● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v3.5.0  
<http://bit.ly/1SxjTle>

# SWYTCH

## ADD MULTIPLE NUMBERS TO ONE DEVICE WITH SWYTCH



Carrying a number of phones on your person for work and pleasure isn't ideal for a lot of people. A handy solution for this is to have a single mobile that has access to a variety of numbers that you can switch between in seconds. That's where *Swytch* comes in.

*Swytch* gives you access to a host of alternative numbers, which can be purchased through the app and then stored on one of the free slots. What makes it even more enticing

for most users will be the fact that it doesn't require you to change SIM or alert your network operator of the additional numbers. We should point out that owning a series of numbers isn't necessarily cheap, but it far outweighs the cost of owning multiple devices instead.

The app itself is easy to navigate thanks to the appropriate menu icons at the bottom of the app, but there's noticeable lag that is more of an annoyance than anything. During our time with *Swytch*, we also seemed to find frequent crashes, especially when it came to finalising the last details of a number we want to add.

Despite some software problems, those intent on owning multiple numbers will find *Swytch* a highly useful app to own. **It would be the perfect number hoarding app if it wasn't for some annoying performance hiccups**

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.1 | Freemium | v1.0.2  
<http://apple.co/1MxIPvy>

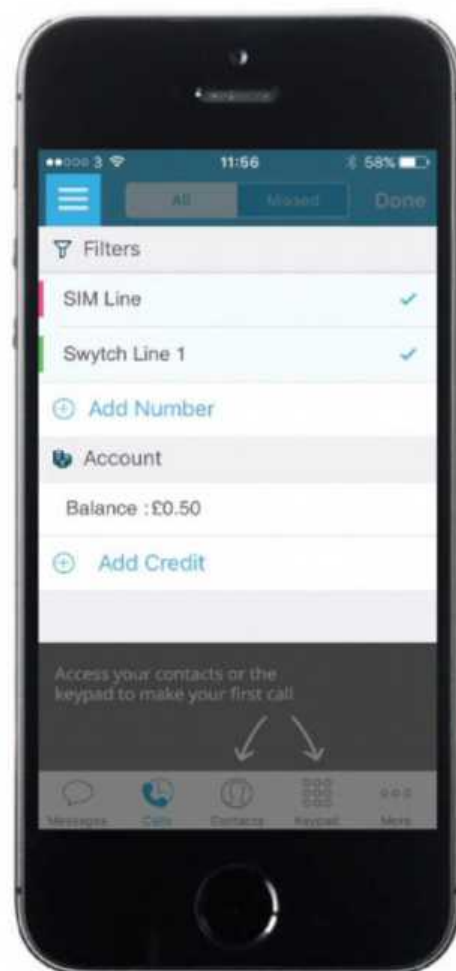
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v1.0.2  
<http://bit.ly/1kZZCAa>



**Above** You'll receive an email once a new number is activated



**Above** Make calls and send texts through the app



**Right** Add credit to your account to add further numbers

# TOP 05 apps to...

## ...STAYING ORGANISED



### 01 GENIUS SCAN+ - PDF SCANNER

Lose the paper and scan all of your documents in perfectly clarity with *Genius Scan*. You can also back your collection up and keep them organised at all times.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| £4.99/\$6.99 | v3.10.2  
● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

### 02 EXPENSIFY

Never miss the chance to claim your expenses accurately with *Expensify*. It handles reports, receipt capture, mileage and even worldwide currencies with ease, and will save you lots of time.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v5.1.1  
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

### 03 CLEAR

Task management does not have to be complicated to be worthwhile and *Clear* exemplifies that perfectly. You can keep organised 24 hours a day and never miss an important entry.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.7.4

### 04 DELIVERIES: A PACKAGE TRACKER

Whether you are sending or receiving lots of packages, *Deliveries* is the perfect tool to keep track of the movement of each package in finite detail from your iDevice. It's perfectly presented.

★★★★★

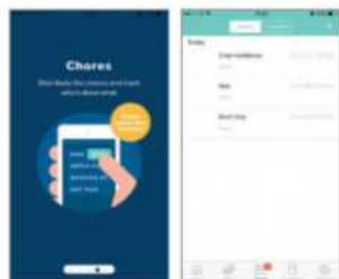
● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v6.2

### 05 POST-IT® PLUS

The clever way this app uses real Post-it notes with a screen makes keeping track of snippets of information as easy as can be. Try it and be pleasantly surprised.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.2.4



## CHORED

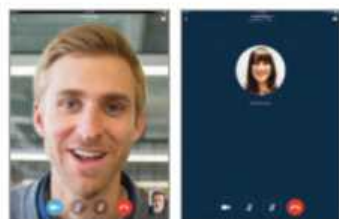


Sharing a house is never easy and splitting bills, chores and everything else can quickly cause arguments.

*Chored* is designed to help you avoid conflict by letting you create plans for each house-related activity and to then ensure that everyone sticks to what they agreed. We love the idea which has a huge amount of potential, but the way it works is often frustrating and it can require too many taps to get anything done at times. Improvements would help. For those who share a house it does have potential, but it needs some improvements.

★★★☆☆

● iPhone | iOS 8.2 | Free | v1



## SKYPE FOR BUSINESS



The *Lync* software was used by millions of people around the world for work purposes and it gradually gained a reputation for being reliable, fast and extremely useful. It has now been replaced with *Skype For Business* and for many it does work very well indeed. The main problem currently is that some users cannot use it because the infrastructure has not been created to add compatibility which can make this app very frustrating.

The mix of two legendary names, *Skype* and *Microsoft*, almost works in this app.

★★★☆☆

● iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v6.0.1447



## TIMESHEET AND INVOICING



This app is a complex tool which takes all of the complexity out of the mundane tasks you may need to do every day. It can help you track every expense, analyse all aspects of your business and even sync your data over different devices automatically. The presentation is near perfect and the way it works really is hard to criticise in any way, with the latest update adding support for 3D Touch on the latest iPhone models. It is a clever and brilliant application.

**Need to track time and invoice clients? If so, buy this.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v3.1.7



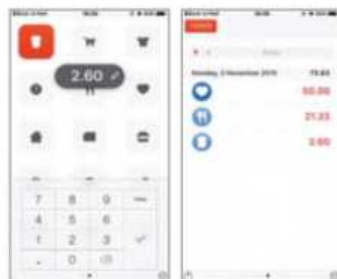
## TIMELY



There is no doubt that *Timely* is ambitious and that in the right hands it will prove beneficial, but we had problems with it right from the start. The basic idea of tracking time does work as it should and the interface is colourful and professional, but the amount of small bugs that keep cropping up suggest that too much is happening here. The app can close randomly and at times not respond which is a shame because it has a lot of potential. This app tries to do a lot of time-related things, but often trips over itself.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0  
| Freemium | v3.2.1



## NEXT FOR IPHONE



It's hard to explain just how naturally *Next* lets you enter new expenses, but trust us when we say that after a day of use you will wonder how you lived without it before. The categories make perfect sense and even the reporting only takes a tap to enable, giving you a complete overview of your spending without any feature getting in the way. For those who need serious expense tracking it may not offer enough, but it's great for the rest of us.

**The simplest imaginable way to handle your daily expenses has just arrived.**

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 9.0  
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v4.2.1



## AMOUNT 2



Creating a conversion app which has the scope to cater for all of the most popular data types while remaining easy to use is far from easy. Apps tend to struggle to do both well, but not so *Amount 2*, a perfect example of how clever programming can make all of the difference. More than 700 units are covered alongside clever filtering features and the ability to compare different units, with the interface bringing everything together just perfectly.

**Amount 2 is one of the very best conversion apps.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 9.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.3



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# SUPER SOUNDTRACKS

GAMES THAT ARE A TREAT FOR BOTH YOUR EARS AND YOUR HANDS

## SUPER HEXAGON

In a throwback to the arcade games of the Eighties, *Super Hexagon* is mercilessly tough, brightly coloured and simple to grasp – just don't let your pointer get hit by the incoming walls. The fast-paced chiptune soundtrack from Chipzel is absolutely key to keeping the tension high throughout, as it's the perfect mixture and balance of catchy and nerve-wracking. An incredible twitch action game, but be warned – it's not for the faint of heart.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● Android | OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$2.99



## SONIC CD

Sonic's forgotten adventure is an epic tale of time travel and changing the future, missed by many because it was on Sega's ill-fated Mega-CD. Not only is this version excellent, it includes both the original Japanese and American soundtracks – both of which are awesomely cheesy retro classics.

A timeless platformer a bit unsuited for touch controls – pad owners, add a star.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● Android | OS 2.1 | £2.11/\$2.99



## CANABALT

*Canabalt* is the platform game boiled down to its purest essence; a minimalist game in almost every way. You can only jump and the visuals are greyscale. The soundtrack, however, is something decidedly not minimalist – a tense piece that could just as easily have come from a cinematic thriller.

Addictive despite its simplicity, thanks to its incredible style as well as its gameplay.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● Android | OS 2.3 | £1.99/\$2.99



## FINAL FANTASY VII

There was nothing quite like *Final Fantasy VII* upon its release, and the game still holds up well today – even if you know what happens in the Forgotten Capital. The soundtrack is an epic that takes in all sorts of emotions and themes, from upbeat battle themes and triumphant fanfares to slow, mournful pieces to stir up that nostalgia.

*FFVII* remains a classic RPG, but we've seen some better console adaptations and it's quite pricey.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £11.99/\$15.99



## MACHINARIUM

There's still not an adventure quite like *Machinarium*, a very stylish point-and-click affair. As good as the game is overall, the soundtrack takes centre stage as a stand-out element. The unusual sonic textures here are natural, yet conjure the image of being definitely alien and mechanical – which is ideal for a game starring a little robot, really.

If you love adventure games, this is amongst the best available for your mobile device.

GROUP TEST WINNER

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.29/\$2.99







**Above** Production values are high all round, with great camera work and voice acting

**Letf** The game is at its most attractive during exploration scenes, which are often very busy and detailed

# MINECRAFT: STORY MODE

## GET THAT BLOCK-BUILDING BUG ALL OVER AGAIN

### PROS/CONS

- ▲ Excellent voice acting from a star cast
- ▲ Accessible even to non-fans of *Minecraft*
- ▼ It only takes a couple of hours to finish
- ▼ There's none of *Minecraft's* traditional pixelated freedom



*Minecraft* isn't the most natural choice for an adventure game adaptation – after all, it's a game without much in the way of a narrative. Luckily, Telltale Games has a talent for crafting compelling stories and has imbued the game with a surprisingly strong plot that is appropriate for all ages – there's a blend of action and humour that reminds us of *The LEGO Movie*, but without all the cameo appearances. Instead, the game focuses on what little mythos *Minecraft* has established, from visiting the Nether and late-night Creeper attacks to the building of monsters. If you're a fan, you'll recognise it all, but you can come into this game cold on *Minecraft* and still have a good time.

The game focuses on Jesse and his rag-tag group of friends, who initially just want to build something great for EnderCon but soon stumble upon a dangerous plot to unleash a Wither upon the world. The friends end up getting help from the warrior Gabriel, a member of the heroic Order Of The Stone, but events spiral out of control. Gameplay itself consists mostly of rapid-fire question answering, plus occasional bits of light exploration and combat.

While the gameplay here is assembled well, it's the story that takes centre stage and thanks to some strong writing, great animation and excellent voice acting, it's a delight to play – you'll be rooting for the little pig Reuben all



the way. However, the game's premium production values command a premium price. You'll see the end after only a couple of hours, and with four more episodes to go (each for the same price as this episode), you won't get a sense of closure. What's here is great, but if you love *Minecraft* for its longevity, you won't find that in *Minecraft: Story Mode*. **It's an incredibly sweet family-friendly adventure experience, just don't expect it to last long.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.1

<http://apple.co/1SNFMU9>

● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £3.92/\$4.99 | v1.14

<http://bit.ly/20R729R>

## ALTERNATIVELY

Other Telltale adventures that demand your attention...

### 01 GAME OF THRONES

Immerse yourself in the hit show's world with a close look at House Forrester, with guest voice appearances from the TV actors themselves.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1

| Freemium | v1.6

● Android | OS 2.3.3

| Freemium | Varies

### 02 TALES FROM THE BORDERLANDS

A real grower, this one gets better as it goes on – recommended for fans of the *Borderlands* console games and newcomers alike.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1

| Freemium | v1.3

● Android | OS 2.3.3

| Freemium | Varies

### 03 BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE GAME

Doc Brown and Marty McFly's adventures in DeLorean time travel aren't the strongest of Telltale's outings, but fans of the source material will still love it nonetheless.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0

| Freemium | v1.6

### 04 THE WALKING DEAD: THE GAME

An absolute essential, this zombie soap opera forces players to make horrible but truly memorable choices at every turn.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0

| Freemium | v1.8

● Android | OS 2.3.3

| Freemium | Varies

### 05 THE WOLF AMONG US

Based on the *Fables* comic book series, this stylish adventure allows players to explore the comic's back-story through a murder mystery.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0

| Freemium | v1.3

● Android | OS 2.3.3

| Freemium | Varies

# PLEASE, DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING

## HATE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS? YOU MAY LOVE THIS



Simplicity is at the heart of *Please, Don't Touch Anything*. You have a simple grey workstation and a single instruction: don't press the big red button. That's all you have to do – in fact, if you leave it alone for 60 seconds, you get one of the game's endings. But life is way more fun if you break the rules sometimes, and pressing the button opens up a Pandora's box of brain-breaking puzzles. One false move and you'll likely blow up the world, or do something equally damaging.



**Above** It's entirely possible to reach the game over screen within a few button presses

The game's puzzles aren't always easy to figure out – it can be hard to even get past the first couple of banks of buttons if you're not observant. Luckily, everything you need for success is contained in the pixel art within the game's single screen. Banks of buttons beget more banks of buttons, until you eventually come to a conclusion of some kind which is displayed on the monitor – accidental nuclear explosions, alien attacks and more are all possible.

It's not an easy game, and there's not an awful lot to it. Your main incentive to play on is to see the game's various endings, but they're short and not very revealing – you'll know what has happened, but nothing about why. Still, it does offer some head-scratchers for hardcore puzzle fanatics.

**A little bland, but if you're determined to see all the endings it'll last for ages.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1.1 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.1  
<http://apple.co/1QIXBvj>



**Above** The workstation hides many buttons – you never know what will pop up next

# SUBTERFUGE

## UNDERHANDED UNDERWATER DEALINGS ARE AFOOT IN THIS STRATEGY GAME



Submarine combat has rarely made for memorable gaming experiences over the years, but it seems as though Snappy Touch has cracked it by taking advantage of the genre's inherent slow pace. In *Subterfuge*, your goal is to mine the valuable element Neptunium. Of course, that's everyone else's goal too, which means that you'll have to fight over outposts, factories and mines to do it.

While the game has a selection of single-player puzzles which serve as a tutorial as well as a challenge, the meat of the game is found in the real-time multiplayer mode. Because your submarines travel quite slowly, moves can take hours to execute – as a result, games can span multiple days and you'll find yourself checking progress during breaks at work and in the evening.

What really brings *Subterfuge* to the fore as a game worth playing is the deeper levels of strategy – specialist units give you combat advantages that can turn seemingly impossible situations to your favour, and players regularly form fragile alliances to serve their short-term goals. It's not a game for those seeking instant gratification, but if you fancy yourself a master of tactics and diplomacy, this is a fun and fair freemium game.



**Above** Despite the complex appearance, *Subterfuge*'s screens are easy to understand

***Subterfuge* is slow-paced and complex, but very engrossing if you have the patience.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
 | Freemium | v445  
<http://apple.co/1WWIPeC>  
 ● Android | OS 4.1  
 | Freemium | v461  
<http://bit.ly/1nOMGh>





# CLOUD CHASERS

## STRUGGLING FOR SURVIVAL AT ITS MOST COLOURFUL



With global news events being what they are these days, a game about refugees seems particularly topical – and *Cloud Chasers* does a fine job of creating an enjoyable game that highlights a number of the serious issues facing those who flee their homes.

The bulk of the game involves guiding your characters, Francisco and Amelia, across barren deserts, pausing to send Amelia up into the sky on a glider and gather water from clouds. Flight controls are nice and responsive, allowing

you to avoid attacks from sentry towers and the cloud harvesters that suck up your only source of water. On the ground, things are no less dangerous; random events bring you into contact with soldiers, fellow refugees and others. It's up to you to judge which are trustworthy. At the end of each desert lies a town, where you can trade excess water for items, repairs and medicine.

It's an attractive and enjoyable game, and survival presents a real challenge. However, you don't always feel in control of your own destiny – a run of two bad random events can see you gain an infection and run low on water, scuppering your chances. Realistic, perhaps, but unsatisfying too. Occasional random event frustrations aside, this is a journey worth taking.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.0.2

<http://apple.co/1HMyIpZ>

● Android | OS 4.4 | £2.50/\$4.00 | v1.0.3

<http://bit.ly/1HMygmi>



**Above** Armed sentry towers make water collection a rather dangerous job



**Above** Much of the time you'll wander these deserts, looking for clouds and events

# PSYCH! OUTWIT YOUR FRIENDS

## THE GAME THAT SETS EVERYONE'S PANTS ON FIRE, PERMANENTLY



We're prone to pranks. When our friends ask why their bags are full of bark, we'll tell them all about "wood magnetism" with a straight face – and that's why we like *Psych!* so much. It's a simple trivia game in which multiple

players compete, each on their own devices (cross-platform play is perfectly supported), with the twist that all of the wrong answers are provided by the players. Not only do you score points for getting questions right, but also for tricking others into believing your blatant fibs. This could all fall to pieces if the questions were chosen poorly, but thankfully the legitimate answers to most of the questions we saw were just as ridiculous as the preposterous ones we proposed.

The freemium element of this game comes with the various themed "decks" of questions on offer. You get three for free, with lots of others available for £0.79 each including Adults Only and It's The Law. The initial decks offer enough value that you won't need to try these for a while, but they'll extend the life of the game if it catches on with your friends – and it's so much fun that we expect it will.

With a group of like-minded pals, this is the perfect party game.

★★★★★

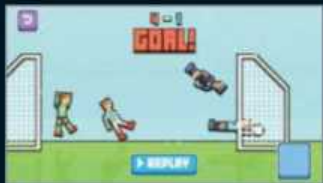
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● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v7.4

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TOP 05  
apps to......PLAY WITH  
FRIENDS

## 01 SOCCER PHYSICS

Can you imagine crowding around a phone or tablet screen and playing a game with a friend that literally makes you cry with laughter? Stop imagining and play *Soccer Physics* now.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.1  
● Android | OS 2.3.3  
| Freemium | v3.3.4

## 02 8 BALL POOL™

With a world of online players and the type of game play that helps you to improve over many years, *8 Ball Pool* richly deserves its legendary status.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v3.3.2  
● Android | OS 2.3.3  
| Freemium | v3.3.4

## 03 LETRIS 4

The limited multiplayer features in this absorbing word game from Ivanovich Games mean that you and your friends can truly enjoy the experience while sitting next to each other and battling.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v4.56  
● Android | OS 3.2 | Freemium | v1.1

04 WORDS WITH  
FRIENDS

It's not quite *Scrabble*, but it's close enough to make it feel familiar. This does not mean, however, that you cannot enjoy games played over many days or even weeks.

★★★★★

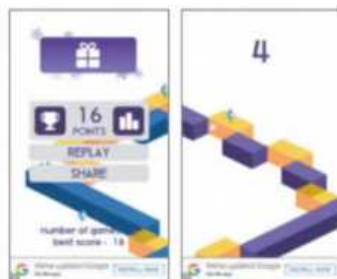
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| Freemium | v3.2  
● Android | Varies  
| Freemium | Varies

## 05 REAL RACING 3

This racing game offers a breathtaking multiplayer experience that does not skip a beat when played against friends. *Real Racing 3* really does feel like a true console game throughout.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.1 | Freemium | v3.7.2  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v3.7.1



## DON'T FALL

The idea in *Don't Fall* is to keep the ball on the track by sliding the missing parts into

place before it reaches a gap. It sounds quite simple, but it really is not and it will require a huge amount of concentration and quick reactions to get through, but the game does get easier the more you practise. It may not be completely original, but it really is very good fun to play.

Slide up, down, left and right, and try to keep your mind from losing control.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0  
| Freemium | v1.0  
● Android | OS 2.3  
| Freemium | v1.0.2

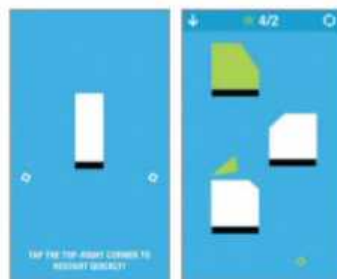
THE BEGGAR'S  
RIDE

The sheer quality of the graphics and animations in *The Beggar's Ride* is breathtaking when you consider that the entire game is set on a mobile device. It offers brilliant controls and the type of platform game experience that would usually be reserved for consoles. Also, the included puzzles are rich in variety and enjoyment, and you will find yourself scratching your head at times just trying to progress a little further. It is a superb platform game.

A stunning platformer with lots of twists and depth.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0  
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.0



## SUPER SHARP

Cutting objects in a puzzle game is far from new, but in *Super Sharp* you have to think a little deeper. Gravity plays a part in the experience meaning that you not only have to cut objects at the right place, but you also have to consider how they will fall to push on to the next level. Games that require thinking before you play each level are addictive but also relaxing at the same time and we are sure that you will enjoy the experience.

An impressive flat puzzler which will make you think in many different ways.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.1

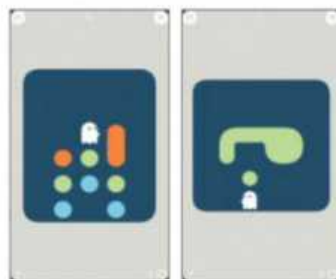


## AFTERPULSE

You have to play *Afterpulse* to understand how amazing the graphics are and in our opinion it is possibly the best looking mobile game available today. It's a typical first person shooter, which you control through the screen and we must say that the controls could be a little more refined to help in stressful moments. Also, at times it feels a little restricted in variety, but we remain largely impressed. It has unbelievable potential, but this game needs a few fixes to truly succeed.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 9.0  
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.0



## POKABOO

When you first start playing *Pokaboo*, there is a sense that the game will hold little to keep you interested, but as you quickly understand that matching the colours is far more difficult than you first thought, the addiction will kick in. It is as simple as it could be in terms of visuals, but there is a lot of depth here and as you progress through the more complex levels, you will soon become immersed in the enjoyable and clever game play.

*Pokaboo* feels like a classic already. You won't stop playing.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0  
| £2.49/\$2.99 | v1.0

HEROES AND  
ARMIES

At first glance *Heroes and Armies* looks like many other games that are starting to dominate the mobile gaming industry, but if you take some time to immerse yourself in the game play, you will start to see that there is a lot here to enjoy. You have to build your army, undertake multiplayer battles and then deal with a huge variety of items and weapons that will help you succeed. It's a true battler with many pleasing features, but it also feels familiar.

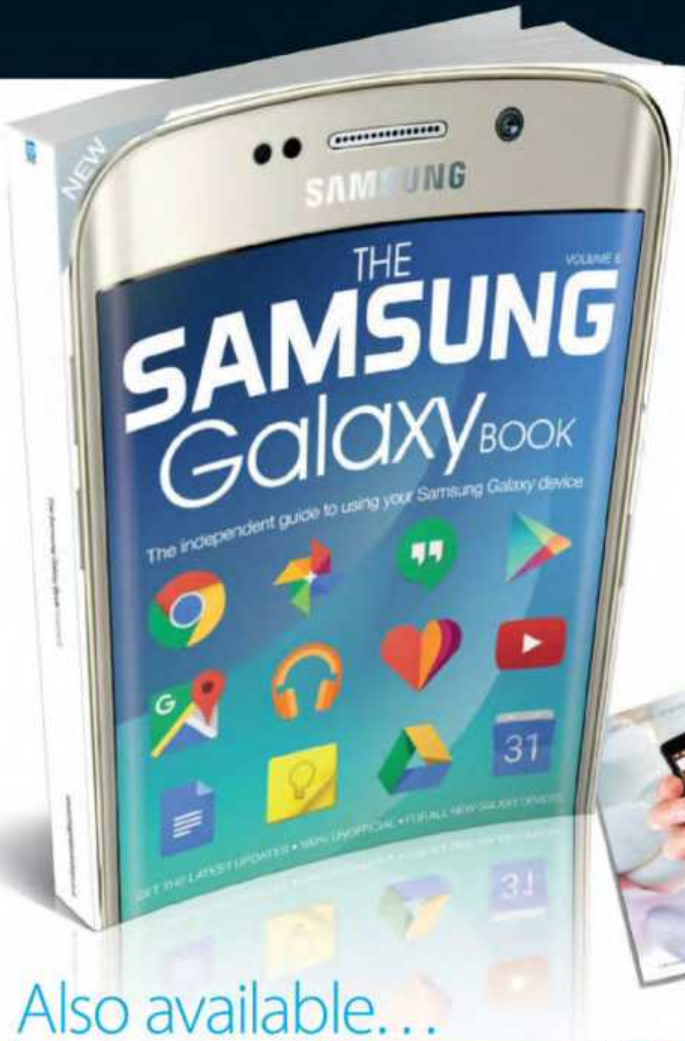
A decent battle game that is best enjoyed with friends who understand it well.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1  
| Freemium | v1.2.2



From the makers of **Android** magazine



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# STAY ORGANISED WITH GOOGLE KEEP

» Find out how to create a multimedia note packed with information guaranteed to boost your daily productivity



It's taken two and a half years, but *Google Keep* is finally available to iOS users. The app is virtually the same as the one that's proven very popular on Google Play, enabling users to capture, edit, share and collaborate on notes on any device at any time. But that's no different to so many productivity apps out there, so what makes *Google Keep* worthy of your consideration? Well, apart from being a superbly built app that works perfectly as a result, *Google Keep* has some power user features that help to separate it from the crowd.

For example, you can add pictures to your notes, and even audio clips that get automatically transcribed. Then you get to organise your notes with labels and colours. *Google Keep* can also give you location-based or time-sensitive reminders to ensure you never forget anything, while your library of notes is easy to search thanks a clever filter system that never fails to impress. Everything is synced across all your devices, allowing you to seamlessly switch from one to the other depending on your situation. This means the important stuff is always with you. Sharing a list with friends is very simple, and *Google Keep* is baked firmly into iOS as part of Notification Centre and as a sharing sheet extension.

In this tutorial we'll walk you through setting up and using the app to ensure you understand every one of its features. *Google Keep* is a free download from the iOS App Store, so well worth investigating. Let us know what you think about *Google Keep* by getting in touch on Twitter, Facebook or via email.

## » GOOGLE KEEP'S POWER FEATURES

> Explore what can be done when you're creating a list

### Extra options

The three-dot icon extends *Google Keep's* use with the options to add or take a photo, show/hide tick boxes or send a copy to *Google Docs*.

### Archive

If you want to save your note inside the app, and stop it appearing on the main page, tap the Archive button and *Google Keep* will safely store it.

### Sharing

You can share your note with anyone. Tap the sharing icon and add a contact's email into the box. Tap Done and they'll be sent an invitation.

### Notification Centre

If you set an alarm for one of your notes, a notification pops up. You can access your *Google Keep* notifications by swiping down from the top of your device's screen.

About the app...

## GOOGLE KEEP

Capture, edit, share, and collaborate on your notes on any device, anywhere

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free



While it doesn't come quite close enough to being regarded as an *Evernote*

replacement, *Google Keep* is nonetheless an impressive Android port. It does the job as a note-taking app with aplomb, while throwing in some advanced features that power users will really enjoy and get a lot of use from. You'll be more inclined to use *Google Keep* now that it has a share sheet extension and comes equipped with Notification Centre support. We'd like to see some sort of password protection to encrypt your notes in a future update.

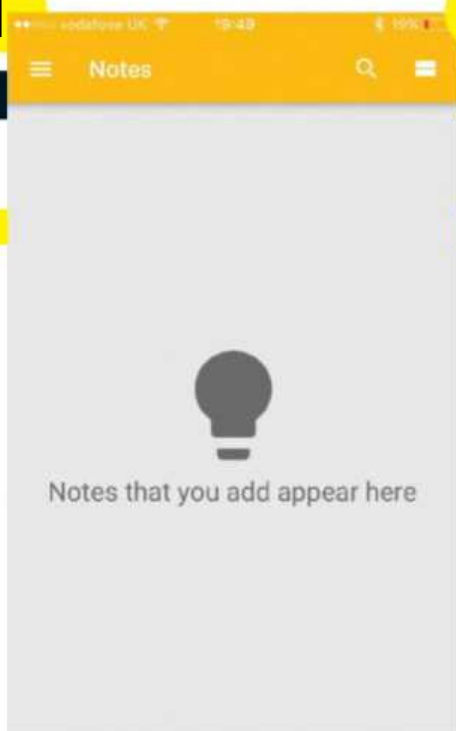
Excellent, fully featured note-taking app for iOS users

★★★★★

"Everything is synced across all your devices, allowing you to seamlessly switch from one to the other depending on your situation"



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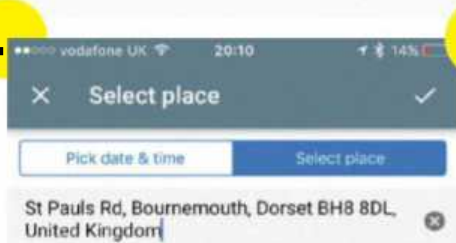
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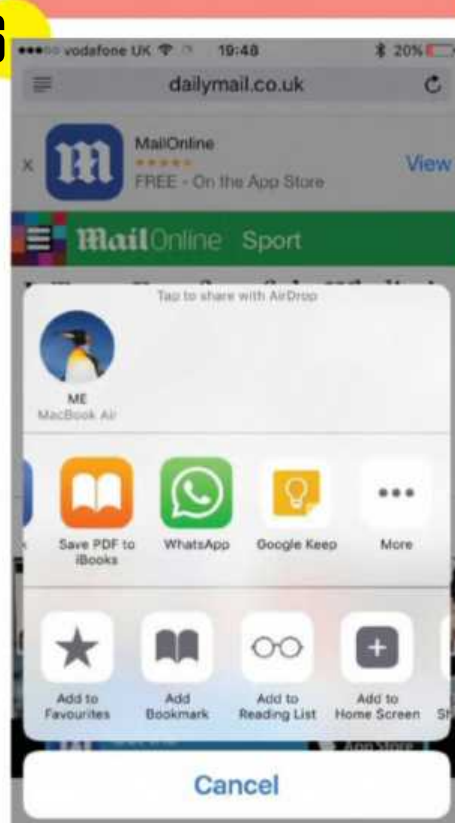
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## » GOOGLE KEEP > Set up and use Google Keep

### 1 GET STARTED

Grab the app from the iOS App Store like you would any normal app. Sign in with a Google account, view what's new and you'll be taken to this main, obviously empty, menu.

### 4 SET A REMINDER

*Google Keep* lets you create a normal time-sensitive alert, but also a location-aware alert that will notify you when you arrive at your chosen place. Do this from the Remind me option at the bottom.

### 2 CREATE A NOTE

From the app's main screen, tap the Take a note option. This creates a blank note. Now's the time to fill it with a title, some contents and take a look at the formatting options at the top.

### 5 DICTATION

If you've embraced the hands-free revolution, you can dictate your notes to *Google Keep* and watch them almost instantly translated for you onto the screen. We think you'll be amazed by the accuracy.

### 3 FORMATTING

Use the toolbar at the top to share your note, add a colour scheme or label, archive a note or extra options like Show tick boxes. Check out our annotated image for more info.

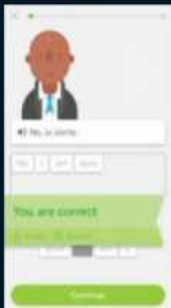
### 6 SHARE FROM IOS

*Google Keep* can be found as a handy iOS share sheet extension. Activate the option on your iPhone or iPad and you'll see the *Google Keep* icon when you slide left on the carousel of various app options.

# THE TOP 200 GREATEST APPS EVER



## WHY WE LOVE... DUOLINGO



Learning a new language is never an easy task, but *Duolingo* is on hand to help out. The app is split into different lessons, that can be used to help teach you the basics of a new language before exploring advanced topics.

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v4.5.3**  
● **Android | Varies | Free | Varies**



## WHY WE LOVE... SKY NEWS FOR IPAD



There are plenty of options out there for those who like to get their news fix while out and about, but it's the ease-of-use that makes the *Sky News* app one of the best ones around. The app can be customised based on your news tastes and some stories are highly interactive.

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**HITMAN GO**

Eliminate your enemies as Agent 47 in this puzzle gem from the creators of *Hitman*.

● iOS 6.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £2.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**BOSON X**

A mix of fast-paced fun and subatomic style makes this endless runner very addictive.

● iOS 4.3 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.92/\$2.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**GRAND THEFT AUTO: SAN ANDREAS**

Control the criminal underworld in this epic mobile version.

● iOS 6.0 | £4.99/\$6.99  
● OS 3.0 | £4.99/\$6.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**FM HANDHELD 2015**

Master tactics to climb up the leagues and sign players to make the best team.

● iOS 5.0 | £7.99/\$8.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £6.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**MINECRAFT – POCKET EDITION**

Create your own personal *Minecraft* world, block by block.

● iOS 5.1.1 | £4.99/\$6.99  
● Varies | £4.99/\$6.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**REPUBLIQUE**

Escape from a prison in this stealth-action adventure. Solve puzzles to earn your freedom.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 4.0 | £3.21/\$4.99

## HEALTH

**iPhone/ Android**  
**ENDOMONDO**

*Endomondo* is the most social fitness experience around and covers a wide range of sports.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/ Android**  
**ZOMBIES, RUN!**

Run to stay alive in a world infested with zombies in this immersive AR workout.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 4.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**CARDIOGRAPH**

Simply hold your thumb over your device's camera lens to monitor and track your heart rate.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**CALORIE COUNTER**

Your ultimate calorie guide with a massive database as well as exercises and social links.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/ Android**  
**NIKE+ RUNNING**

This app requires a pair of Nike shoes that have an insert for the Nike+ sensor.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**YOU ARE YOUR OWN GYM**

Military-grade workout app that requires no fitness equipment bar your device.

● iOS 5.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$2.99

**iPhone/ Android**  
**7 MINUTE WORKOUT CHALLENGE**

A fast-paced work out with exercises, videos and tracker.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.29/\$1.94

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**MOVES**

*Moves* automatically tracks your everyday exercise to motivate you to do more and set goals.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**RUNTASTIC PUSH-UPS PRO**

Plan your workout in this stylish app and receive motivation from the voice coach.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.99/\$1.99  
● Varies | £1.99/\$1.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**HEALTHTAP**

Post your concern and a qualified doctor will respond with a diagnosis fairly swiftly.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

## LIFESTYLE

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**SNAPGUIDE**

This community-driven guidebook is a wonderful resource. Browse its many topics and get all sorts of handy tips.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**DAY ONE JOURNAL**

Record your life with this magazine-like app for your memories, ideas and photos. Share online or keep private.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/ Android**  
**START BY TACK**

Minimalist alarm clock and stopwatch that launches set apps when you wake.

● iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$5.99  
● OS 3.0 | £0.65/\$0.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**FANCY**

Searching and sharing items on *Fancy* is all about becoming a curator of cool.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**AROUNDME**

This is a handy app to use in an unfamiliar place when you need to find local amenities.

● iOS 5.1.1 | Free  
● OS 2.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**ICONICAL**

Create your own bespoke icons for your apps either by painting a design in-app or by uploading an image.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

**iPad**  
**eBAY FOR IPAD**

This app is not only great to keep up with your shopping, but also a wonderful place to browse for bargains.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

**iPad**  
**MARTHA STEWART CRAFTSTUDIO**

Create decorative cards in-app with hints and tips provided by Martha herself.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

**iPad**  
**WEDDING PLANNER FOR IPAD**

Plan everything, from your big day's budget to the colour scheme and the seating plan with this detailed wedding app.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**IA WRITER**

Aspiring novelist? This is the perfect space to express yourself in a clean, distraction-free environment.

● iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

## MEDICAL

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**VISUAL ANATOMY**

View rotatable 3D images from *Gray's Anatomy* of selected organs or regions of the body.

● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.0 | £1.60/\$2.69

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**VISION TEST**

This app tests your vision through a series of exams, and includes an optician finder.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● OS 2.2 | Free

**iPad**  
**SKELETON SYSTEM PRO III**

This dissection of the human skeleton goes into incredible detail with plenty of room for adding your own notes.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**PREGNANCY+**

Monitor your baby's development week by week and log doctor's appointments.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 3.0 | Freemium

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**SNORELAB**

Worried about how much you snore? Find out how loud you sound with this app, then get tips on how to reduce it.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**uHEAR**

As hearing loss usually happens over a period of time, *uHear* is a good app for monitoring your hearing.

● iOS 4.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**PROGNOSIS: YOUR DIAGNOSIS**

Uses case studies for better diagnosis in patients by doctors.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

**iPhone/ Android**  
**BREATHING ZONE**

Reduce stress and see your breathing patterns displayed in colourful graphics.

● iOS 5.1 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$3.99

**iPad**  
**HEART PRO III**

Lifelike depictions of the heart and circulatory system that can be rotated 360° to appreciate its complexity.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**FAMILY ILLNESS AND SHOT TRACKER**

Keep a digital diary of your family's shots, vaccinations, medicines, illnesses and more.

● iOS 3.1.3 | £1.49/\$1.99

# THE TOP 200 GREATEST APPS EVER

## WHAT'S HOT?

### POCKET

Get a personalised news feed at your fingertips.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### IF BY IFTTT

Automate each and every aspect of your mobile life.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 4.0.3 | Free

### WEATHERMOB

Never be caught without an umbrella ever again with *Weathermob*.

● iOS 6.1 | Free

### MEXTURES

Take your photo editing to the next level with expert filters.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

### NIKE+ RUNNING

Usher in the new year with an all-new fitness regime on your phone.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE APP? GET IN TOUCH...

TWEET US WITH  
YOUR FAVOURITE APPS  
@Knowyourapps

OR RECOMMEND  
THEM ON FACEBOOK  
/AppsMagazine

SEND US AN EMAIL TODAY  
WITH YOUR FAVOURITE APPS  
apps@imagine-publishing.co.uk

## MUSIC

### iPhone/iPad GARAGEBAND

Use simple gestures to play piano, organ, guitar and drums. Upload tracks to YouTube, SoundCloud and more.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

### iPhone/iPad FIGURE

Make music in minutes with this easy-to-use interface. Export results to iTunes Audio Sharing.

● iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

### iPad/Android DJAY 2

Take tracks from your library and start mixing them together on this brilliant turntable app.

● iOS 7.0 | £6.99/\$7.99  
● OS 4.1 | £2.99/\$4.99

### iPad THE ORCHESTRA

Explore three centuries of classical music with this interactive mix of music as well as video content.

● iOS 7.0 | £10.49/\$13.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android SPOTIFY MUSIC

Build customised playlists from millions of tracks and share them with the world.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

### iPhone/iPad/Android SOUNDHOUND

Hum a tune or sing a lyric and *SoundHound* will give you the full name of the song and artist.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

### iPhone/Android SOUNDWAVE

Discover new music with this running feed of what everyone is listening to.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3 | Free

### iPhone/Android SHAZAM

An extraordinary app, *Shazam* can identify songs by listening to them for a few seconds.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

### iPhone/iPad/Android TIDAL

Enjoy high definition music streaming and playlists chosen by music industry experts.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.1 | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android IPLAYER RADIO

Listen to BBC radio stations anywhere. It can even allow you to save podcasts offline.

● iOS 7.1 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

## NAVIGATION

### iPhone/iPad/Android GOOGLE MAPS

Back on iOS and still the undisputed king of the mapping world. This app is all you need.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/Android PLANE FINDER

View near real-time air traffic maps that let you track the paths of aircraft above you.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 2.2 | £2.99/\$2.99

### iPhone/Android GEOCACHING

Join the world's biggest treasure hunt by becoming a Geocacher. It's great fun.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99  
● Varies | £6.99/\$9.99

### iPhone HOPSTOP TRANSIT DIRECTIONS

Get real-time subway, bus, train, taxi, walking and biking directions in an instant.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium

### iPhone MAPS 3D PRO - GPS TRACKS FOR BIKE, HIKE, SKI & OUTDOOR

Ideal for the mountains: view 3D maps and plan your route.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android WAZE SOCIAL GPS, MAPS & TRAFFIC

Get instant travel updates from other users on the road.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad SPYGLASS

Augmented reality navigator and compass that lets you track your location and work out bearings in real-time.

● iOS 6.1 | £2.99/\$3.99

### iPhone/iPad HILL LISTS

Provides geographical details for highland, hilltop and mountain walks across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

### iPhone KAMINO

Explore your city with these user-generated walking tours with turn-by-turn directions or share your own with others.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android VIEWRANGER OUTDOOR GPS & MAPS

Get off the beaten track with this map app, ideal for planning hikes.

● iOS 5.1 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

## NEWS

### iPhone/iPad/Android FLIPBOARD

It's not only one of the best news apps around, it's also great fun to use on your device.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android BBC NEWS

This app lets you watch live news feeds over Wi-Fi, so you can always stay informed.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android POCKET CASTS

Stay up-to-date with all the latest podcasts with one easy-to-use cross-platform download.

● iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 4.1 | £2.49/\$3.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android POCKET

*Pocket* lets you save any article, image or video you find online for you to view it later.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad DOWNCAST

Download and listen to your favourite podcasts directly from your iPhone or iPad without the need to sync with iTunes.

● iOS 7.1 | £2.29/\$2.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android LINKEDIN PULSE

With a focus on business news, tailor this reader to follow all of your favourite RSS feeds.

● iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android INSTAPAPER

Save feature articles and blog posts for later offline reading in this paper-like reader.

● iOS 8.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

### iPad SKY NEWS FOR IPAD

Watch live streams from the TV station in the palm of your hands. Feature-rich, brimming with content and totally free.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium

### iPhone/Android YAHOO NEWS DIGEST

Get twice-daily summaries of the top news stories, complete with infographics.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

### iPhone/iPad PEEKSTER

Scan articles in select newspapers to create a digital version on your iPhone, which you can save for later or share online.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

## PHOTO & VIDEO

### iPhone/iPad/Android YOUTUBE

Stream videos from the popular website, now with voice search and picture to picture.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad iMOVIE

Apple's official video-editing app makes it easy to fine-tune the videos you shoot on the go with simple gesture controls.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android ADOBE PHOTOSHOP TOUCH

Edit images on the go with a range of touch-control tools using this essential software.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 4.0 | £2.99/\$9.99

### iPhone/Android INSTAGRAM

With a wide range of cool filters and a great community you can create amazing photos.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad HALFTONE 2

Create a comic book starring your friends and family by applying speech bubbles and borders to images.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android CAMERA ZOOM FX

Take up to ten shots per second with this high-speed snapper, then apply filters to photos.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 1.6 | £1.79/\$2.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android SNAPSEED

This app has quite simply become the go-to image editing app across all devices.

● iOS 8.0 | Free  
● OS 4.1 | Free

### iPhone MEXTURES

Create and combine your own filters and textures for truly individual *Instagram* photos.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android FLICKR

Offering 1TB of online storage, this app is great for showcasing and sharing your best photos.

● iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android SEENE

Capture 3D photos and share them online or embed them on your website.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.1 | Free



## PRODUCTIVITY

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
EVERNOTE**

Create a note on your device and save it to the cloud, where it can be picked up and edited.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
DROPBOX**

Access your images, documents or any other type of digital file you like, anywhere.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 4.0.3 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad  
NUMBERS**

This spreadsheet was designed for your touchscreen, enabling you to calculate figures and create graphs with ease.

● iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/iPad  
CLEAR**

This purely gesture-based app has one of the most innovative and intuitive interfaces of virtually any app around.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/iPad  
PAGES**

This versatile app lets you create, edit and view documents as well as create attractive, customised pages.

● iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone  
GLOBO**

Ideal for the travelling businessman, track the time in different cities around the world and set location-based alarms.

● iOS 7.0 | £0.99/\$0.99

**iPhone/iPad  
KEYNOTE**

Create a world-class presentation with this top app. Including a range of impressive themes and customisable features.

● iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
IF BY ITFTT**

Make your life easier by putting the internet to work and automating online services.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.0.3 | Free

**iPhone/iPad  
BUY ME A PIE CLASSIC**

Write a list and sync it between devices so that you and your flatmates can all keep track of who's buying what.

● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

**iPhone/iPad  
PAPER**

A wonderfully character-filled sketching and creative app where users can purchase other themed tools.

● iOS 8.0 | Freemium

## REFERENCE

**iPhone/iPad  
BRIAN COX'S WONDERS  
OF THE UNIVERSE**

With wonderful images, animations and video content, it's a must-have for any stargazer.

● iOS 7.0 | £4.99/\$5.99

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
GOOGLE TRANSLATE**

Translate to and from 64 languages, speech from 17 languages, and listen in 24.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
WOLFRAMALPHA**

Find essential information that is well presented and easy to use in this clever app.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.1 | £1.86/\$2.99

**iPhone/Android  
SCRIBO – THE WORLD'S  
LARGEST ONLINE LIBRARY**

All the reference books you'll need, available offline.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● OS 2.2 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad  
REDSHIFT – ASTRONOMY**

This exquisite app brings the night sky to your device, with all major planets and constellations displayed.

● iOS 4.3 | £9.99/\$11.49

**iPhone/iPad  
BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS**

Interactive 3D globe for children, beautifully rendered with details of all the countries of the world.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/iPad  
ARTICLES**

Browse Wikipedia using this excellent reader, which offers great formatting and customisation options.

● iOS 6.1 | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
QUORA**

The place to go with your burning questions, with the community providing answers.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 3.0 | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
CHAMBERS DICTIONARY**

Clear, accurate and occasionally witty definitions, plus a detailed thesaurus.

● iOS 5.5.1 | £4.99/\$6.99  
● OS 2.2 | £4.99/\$6.99

**iPad  
LONDON – A CITY  
THROUGH TIME**

Explore 2,000 years of one of the world's greatest cities with articles, photos and video.

● iOS 5.1 | £10.49/\$13.99

## SOCIAL

**iPhone  
TWEETBOT 3 FOR TWITTER  
(iPHONE & IPOD TOUCH)**

Perfect for heavy Twitter users, it includes multiple timelines and smart gestures.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
FACEBOOK**

The ultimate social networking tool has regular updates. Easy to use and fairly foolproof.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/Android  
PATH**

A simple and satisfying interface that Facebook and Twitter can only dream about.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
SKYPE**

Bring your loved ones closer to you with the free video and audio calls of the Skype service.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/Android  
PINTEREST**

This growing community is a great way to discover new things, and a hell of a timesink.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/Android  
SNAPCHAT**

Send photos to friends that vanish after viewing. Also includes video and messaging.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
TUMBLR**

Find, follow and shares the things you love on this highly customisable blog network.

● iOS 7.1 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/Android  
VINE**

Shoot six-second videos of your life and share them with this booming community.

● iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/iPad  
STATNUT**

View all of your social networks in one place with StatNut and display them in a simple, colour-coded interface.

● iOS 4.3 | £0.79/\$0.99

**iPhone/Android  
TIMEHOP**

Relive the past with daily updates of your tweets, photos and check-ins from years ago.

● iOS 7.1 | Free  
● OS 4.0.3 | Free

## SPORTS

**iPhone/Android  
BBC SPORT**

Covering a wide range of sports, the app brings you news, videos and stats in one place.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3 | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
OFFICIAL F1 APP**

View leaderboards, lap times and exclusive news throughout the F1 season.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

**iPhone/Android  
SQUAWKA**

All the latest soccer stats displayed with infographics and animations of in-game events.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● OS 4.1 | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
GOLFSHOT: GOLF GPS**

View maps and track your position on golf courses across the world with this GPS app.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 2.3.3 | Freemium

**iPhone/Android  
YAHOO! SPORTS**

For the amount of info at your fingertips, this app is a must for every sports fan.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
COACH'S EYE**

Improve your team's performance with video analysis and draw directly onto images.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 4.1 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
EUROSPORT PLAYER**

Watch the hottest action live with this streaming app (monthly subscription fee).

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad  
THE MASTER  
TACTICIAN PRO**

Create winning football strategies with this great animated playbook app.

● iOS 4.3 | £8.99/\$11.99

**iPad  
SKY SPORTS FOR IPAD**

The Sky Sports channels on your device, as well as some impressive in-game stat screens and graphics.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad  
CURLY'S POCKET  
GUIDE TO SPORT**

The rules to 74 major sports from golf to Greco-Roman wrestling, with illustrations.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

## TRAVEL

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
TRIPADVISOR HOTELS  
FLIGHTS RESTAURANTS**

Hotel and restaurant reviews, cheap flights and virtual tours.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/Android  
HALLO**

It sets the standard and changes the way people order their taxis on iOS or Android.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
GOOGLE EARTH**

This is one of those definitive apps, giving you access to pretty much anywhere on the globe.

● iOS 4.3 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
TUBE MAP PRO**

Plan your route around live travel info with this smart map of the London Underground.

● iOS 7.0 | £4.99/\$6.99  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
AIRBNB**

Book last-minute trips and holiday lets in over 34,000 cities around the world.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPad  
TRIPTEASE**

Discover exciting destinations or share your experiences with this vivid, photo-driven network for jet-setters.

● iOS 6.0 | Free

**iPhone/iPad  
PACKING PRO**

A list-making app specially designed for your holiday packing, with a detailed predeparture to-do list with over 100 tasks.

● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

**iPhone/Android  
GUIDEPAL CITY GUIDES**

Download full city guides, plus maps, for over 60 of the most exciting destinations.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 2.2 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad  
SULLIVAN'S LIST**

Discover great adventures around the world, then create your own wish list of places you want to visit.

● iOS 4.3 | £2.29/\$2.99

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
FLIGHTRADAR24 PRO**

Quickly turn your device into a radar dish and see what air traffic looks like in real-time.

● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £2.49/\$3.99

## WEATHER

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
BBC WEATHER**

Simple and clear design with one-touch controls for easy navigation of forecasts.

● iOS 5.1.1 | Free  
● OS 2.2 | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
WEATHER LIVE RELOADED**

Create your own weather station with customisable features and great graphics.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99  
● Varies | £1.31/\$1.99

**iPhone/iPad  
NOAA RADAR PRO**

Vivid, real-time animated radar images of weather across the United States, with storm alerts and bookmarks.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.99/\$1.99

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
YAHOO! WEATHER**

This stunning app backdrops the forecast with photos of conditions in your location.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3 | Free

**iPhone/Android  
FIZZ WEATHER**

A slick UI with a wealth of useful data, you get weather info for over 58,000 cities.

● iOS 4.3 | £0.79/\$0.99  
● OS 2.1 | £0.99/\$1.62

**iPhone/iPad  
DARK SKY**

With 24-hour and seven-day outlooks, Dark Sky specialises in incredibly accurate, minute-by-minute forecasts.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

**iPhone/Android  
THE WEATHER CHANNEL**

A solid and professionally produced app, it offers very detailed info.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/iPad/Android  
WEATHERWISE**

Fill your screen with some great themes to accompany your weather forecast.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 2.3.3 | Freemium

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